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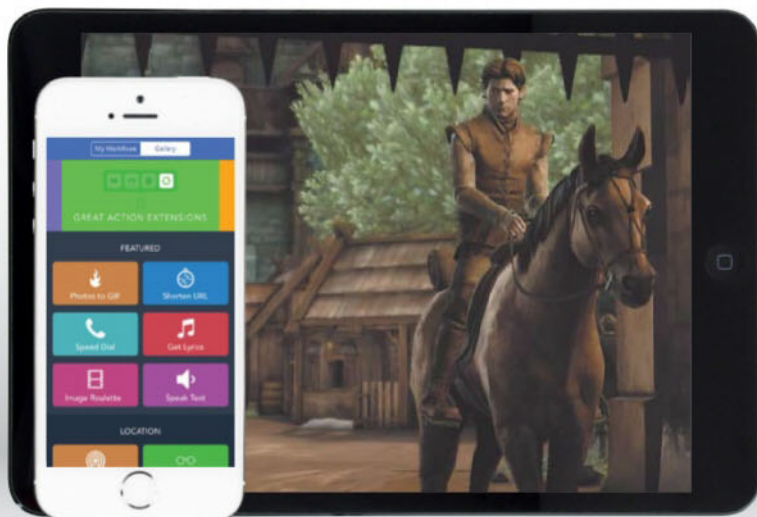
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Your essential apps guide every issue



Gaming accounts for 32 per cent of the time we spend on our mobiles, making it by far the most popular thing to do with our phones and tablets. But who can blame us when there are so many to choose from - with over 300,000 games on the App Store as of December 2014. However, for all the *Angry Birds* and *Monument Valleys*, there are plenty of duff downloads you shouldn't waste your time on. That's why this issue, in addition to reviewing new games like *Framed* (page 39) and *Crossy Road* (page 41), we celebrate the 50 greatest games ever from page 14 onwards. If you're more interested in actually going for a run rather than

playing *Temple Run*, check out our essential fitness apps on page 20. Don't forget to enter our competition to win a Misfit Flash fitness tracker on page 10 either!

The team recommends...

DAN HUTCHINSON

Editor in Chief



Your phone's Contacts hasn't evolved much from the traditional address book. *Humin* (page 27) changes all that with intelligent organising, such as suggesting numbers based on your location.

JACK PARSONS

Deputy Editor



If you're a fan of *IFTTT*, check out *Workflow* (page 32). It allows you to create endless chains of instructions so your phone will perform tasks automatically so you don't have to.

DOM PEPPIATT

Contributor



Dark Hearts (page 23) is spooky and superb - every time you watch it, you'll see something different.

JOSHUA WEST

Contributor



Just as *Game of Thrones* brings cinematic scale to TV, the tie-in game (page 37) offers console quality on mobile.



DARK HEARTS

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.06



GAME OF THRONES

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.1
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | £3.20/\$4.99 | Varies



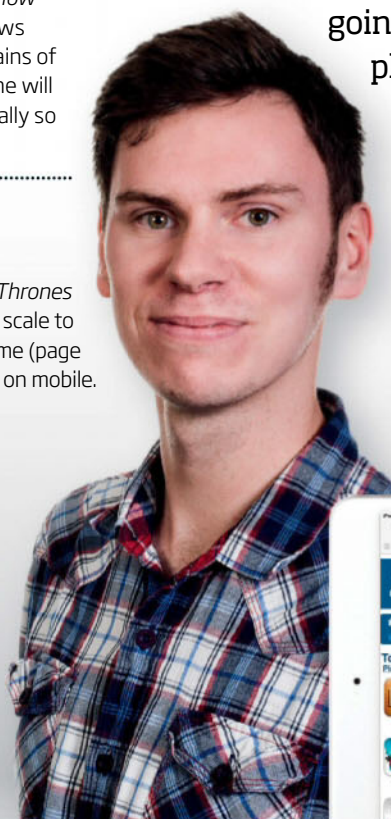
HUMIN

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.6
● Android | Varies | Free | Beta



WORKFLOW

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £2.49/\$2.99 | v1.0.1



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OPERATING SYSTEM

Certain apps only work on specific operating systems; check your device meets the specifications here.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v4.5.2
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v4.6.3

FORMAT

Some apps are specific to iPhone or iPad, however if listed with a plus symbol, apps will work on both devices.

VERSION

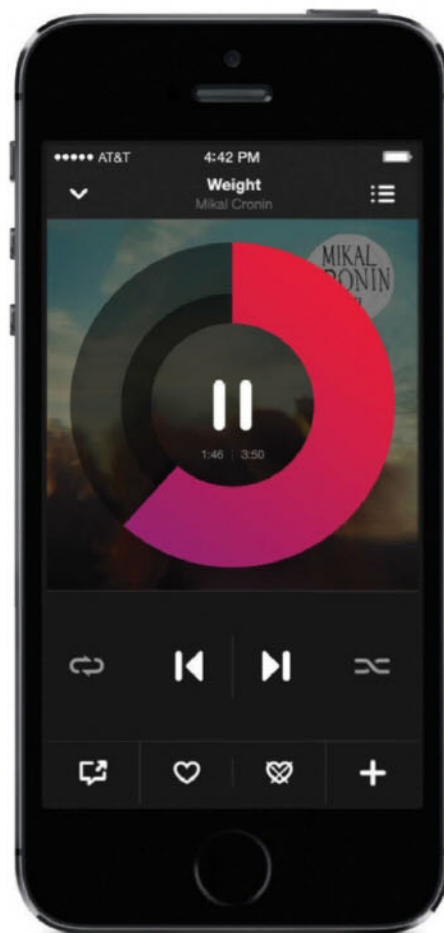
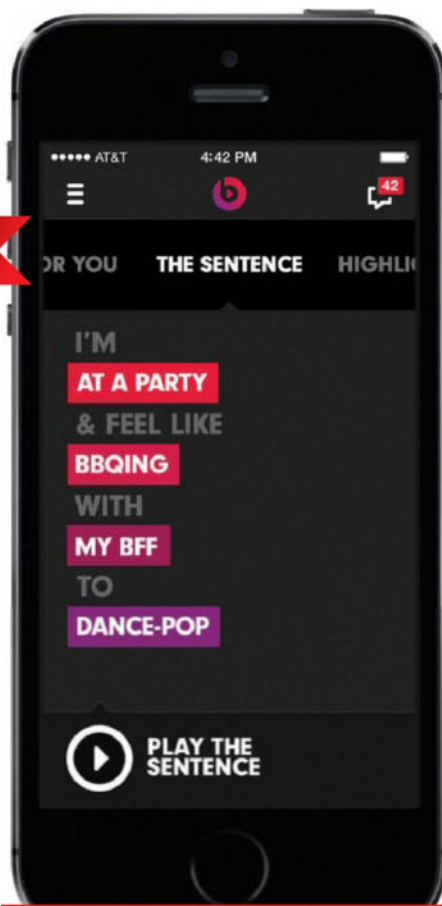
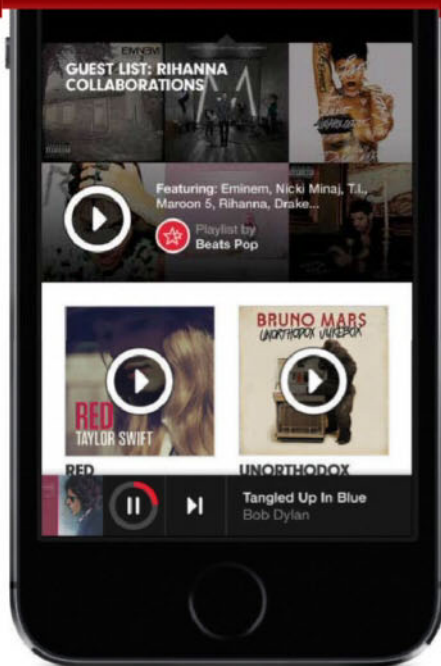
We always review the latest versions of apps when going to publication, but bear in mind issues we outline may be fixed in updated versions.

PRICE

We list the most up-to-date price possible, but check before purchasing. Note that free apps may still require some in-app purchases.

IN TOUCH

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GET EXCITED ABOUT...

APPLE'S MUSIC STREAMING SERVICE

THE BEAT GOES ON AS APPLE LOOKS TO TAKE ON SPOTIFY

Apple came in for criticism last September when it forced U2's new album into millions of iTunes accounts. Now its next musical gift to iPhone and iPad owners is to make the Beats Music subscription an integral part of its iOS software.

The Cupertino giant snapped up the subscription music service last May along with Beats Electronics. The \$3 billion deal sparked much speculation over what Apple would do with the subscription side of the business.

Now, it seems its intentions are clear. Apple is looking to go head-to-head with the likes of Spotify in the music streaming space. The company is believed to have been in discussions with music labels which could well lead to a race for exclusives, not to mention a subscription price war.

As part of the move, Apple is expected to drop the Beats name and integrate the service into iTunes. It is also believed to be earmarking a worldwide release.

Such expansion would assist Apple in its uphill battle to encourage the 200 million global users of iTunes to join a service that currently has just 110,000 customers. At the

same time, it would hope to avoid upsetting those existing Beats customers who have become accustomed to a well-curated music service.

It is certainly easy to see why Apple wants to join the fray and bring streaming alongside its download and iTunes Radio services. Figures compiled by the Entertainment Retailers Association in the UK show that revenue from subscription-based streaming services are up 65 per cent while revenue from music downloads slumped 15 per cent.

And while there may be some dissatisfaction with streaming among music artists (Taylor Swift is shunning Spotify, for instance), given sales of digital music albums in the US fell by 14 per cent in the first six months of 2014, the future of music is clear. It would not be surprising if Google followed suit and built a streaming service into Android too.



BEATS MUSIC

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.3.1

● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.2.3

BEATS EXPLORED

JUST FOR YOU

This feature makes suggestions based on your listening history. It is able to pick up on your likes and dislikes, providing only the songs that Beats believes you will want to hear. We expect this feature will remain.

NOW PLAYING

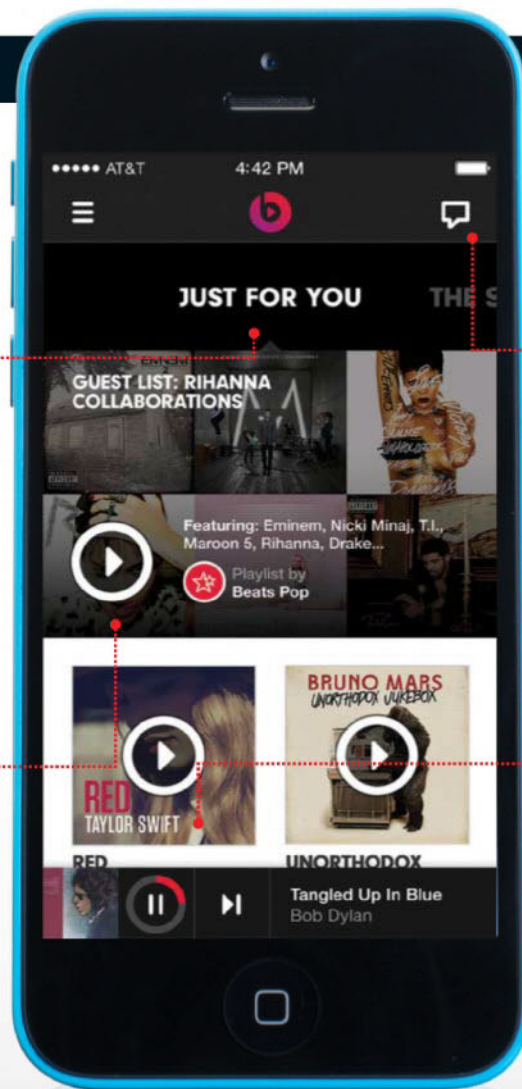
All of the music is stored on the Beats Music server. You can play them directly on your iPhone, iPad or Android device. However, it may be that Android support will drop when the streaming service is relaunched.

SHARING MUSIC

When you click on the Share button, you can let other people know what you are listening to. A link can be sent to friends and family via email or a text message or you also have the option to copy a link.

POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS

When Apple relaunched Beats Music under its own branding, it will be interesting to see if some artists - such as Taylor Swift - will get on board and whether Apple will offer musicians decent deals.



OTHER SPOTIFY COMPETITORS



PANDORA RADIO

Currently available only in the US, Australia and New Zealand, this music streaming and recommendation app is giving Spotify a run for its money. It has had some issues with limitations (you can only skip 30 times in 24 hours on the iPhone) but it is a great way of discovering fresh new music to listen to.

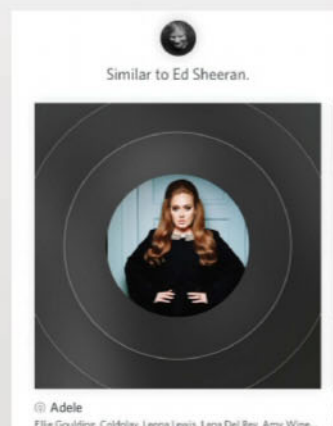
● iPhone | iOS 6.0 | Free | v5.6.3
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies



TIDAL

Tidal promotes itself as the streaming service for music lovers. While it costs slightly more than Spotify, Tidal is the only service to offer high fidelity sound. This means the songs you stream through Tidal - whether across WiFi or your cellular data - are as rich as listening to a CD. Also includes HD quality music videos.

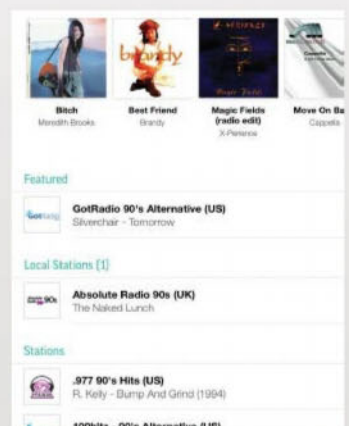
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.1.0
● Android | OS 4.1 | Free | v1.0.1



RDIO

Rdio is a widespread free streaming service that has been created by the founders of Skype. Well designed and with a subscription that lets you gain access to albums and playlists and strip away the ads, it has gained itself a following of many fans with plenty of new musical releases to pore over.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v0.9
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies



TUNEIN RADIO

It's true it's an oldie, but it's certainly a goodie! If you prefer your music to be delivered the old-fashioned way, by a DJ and through a radio station, take your pick of thousands of broadcasters from across the world. *TuneIn Radio* is by far the best digital radio app available out there for your smartphone and tablet.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v6.9.1
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

A FISHY TALE

Strange Flavour had an early iOS hit with *Flick Fishing* but cofounder Aaron Fothergill is looking to reel in a new set of gamers



Run by two brothers, Aaron and Adam Fothergill, Strange Flavour is a small UK-based independent games developer. Its first smartphone game, *Flick Fishing*, launched in 2008 and was downloaded more than 20 million times. Since then, the company has had a hit with *SlotZ Racer* and produced *SnapMatch Soccer*, *Apple Dash* and *Any Landing*. *Fast Fishing* is its latest title.

***Flick Fishing* performed very well in the App Store. How different was the app landscape back in 2008?**

Flick Fishing was a very early release on the App Store and we gambled on selling at the 99c price point rather than at \$5 or \$10 like most apps in the first few months. It worked and we hit number one in the games chart. Now it's harder to get players to part with their money; the App Store is swamped at the high end by big publishers who can out-spend anyone on marketing. There are millions of junk apps at the bottom end that make it hard for players to find the games they're looking for so it's harder to get your game seen now.

When you create something successful, does it put pressure on you as a developer to better it?

Always. That or try and write something else that does just as well. We followed up *Flick Fishing* with *SlotZ Racer* at the start of 2009 but [our publisher] Freeverse didn't really get the idea of slot car racing and it wanted us back doing *Flick Fishing* updates.

What did you learn from *Flick Fishing*?

We learned that our instinct that gamers want to play a game first and a fishing simulator second was spot on. Even seasoned fishermen were coming back to us with tales of the battles they'd had in the game and photos of their fish. As the App Store developed and more casual players arrived, we found out that keeping the game simple was critical. *Flick Fishing* evolved over four years with all sorts of added content, new game modes and such, but 99 per cent of the players played the main game and the quest mode, trying to collect all the different fish and the collectible items that we'd added later on.



You're a two-man team. Do small companies have a strong future in app development?

It's a lot harder to compete with the mega productions. To release a game that we can make money on, we have to work to very tight schedules and can't afford to spend forever creating huge amounts of content. We focus on the game and making sure the content we can do is spot on. I don't think the mobile market can do without the smaller teams though as we're the guys coming up with the new ideas.

Which iOS 8 features have enabled better games development?

Standardised Game Controllers and Game Kit being sorted out in iOS 7 were the big win for us. iOS 8 is very helpful in simply being more solid and toning things up a bit. Sometimes you just need a solid incremental update to give developers a chance to really use the features that are already there.

Are there any features you would like to see added this year within iOS 9?

The ability to reply to reviews on the App Store. Way too many players still use an app's reviews to ask questions or complain about bugs and we can't reply to them even when the bug's already fixed or it's something they've missed in the instructions. There's a support link for every app but most users don't see it or simply prefer to use the reviews.

Why is there no Android version?

Because we're massive Apple fanboys and because Android is massive platform to develop and test for as well as support. Combined with so few Android users wanting to ever pay any money for anything it makes it really marginal whether porting a game to Android would ever pay off.

What will you be working on next?

We've got another smaller game that I got working over the holidays. I can't say much but it involves trains.

FAST FISHING



Fast Fishing hands players a virtual rod and reel and asks them to catch fish as quickly as they can before the time runs out. It has 22 levels set over six different environments and while the game itself is free to play, it also has a range of gizmos, rods and reels that are available to buy.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Freemium | v1.0



GREAT FISHING APPS

NINJA FISHING

An addictive game featuring a cool, fish-mad ninja that boasts lots of fun collectibles.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
| Freemium | v1.7.4
● Android | 2.3.3
| Freemium | v1.7.5

FISH ADVENTURE

Take care of the many different, colourful types of fish that you come across in this cute game and even display your world as live wallpaper.

● Android | OS 1.6
| Free | v1.2.19

RIDICULOUS FISHING — A TALE OF REDEMPTION

A retro quest featuring fish that become hats. Utterly charming.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1
| £2.29/\$2.99 | v1.31
● Android | OS 2.3
| £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.2.2.4

SUPER DYNAMITE FISHING

Forget rods. What you really need is dynamite to guarantee some fish.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
| Freemium | v1.3.0
● Android | OS 2.3
| Freemium | v1.2.2

FISHING KINGS FREE+

A wonderful 3D fishing game with the added bonus of drawing on real-life locations such as the Amazon river. Catch all 33 different fish species.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v1.0.6

HOW TO...


MASTER THE SKI SLOPES

KEEP FIT, LEARN THE BEST TECHNIQUES AND TRACK YOUR SKI RUNS

Winter is upon us and, for a good number of people, that means hitting the ski slopes. But skiing is not the easiest of sports and to get the most enjoyment out of it, it's worthwhile getting your body in trim and understanding the best ways to pull off moves that will better your time and allow you to ski for longer distances. Here, we're going to look at these three aspects to approaching the slopes, starting with the basics: getting you in shape.

APPS USED


HOW TO SKI

 A professional set of very well shot videos created by experts which concentrate on the most important skiing techniques.

• iPhone+ iOS 5.1
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.5.0

★★★★★


EDGE SKI – TRACKING, MAPS & RESORT INFO

 A performance tracker with mapping, resort information and the lowdown on the weather. It looks great and is simple to use.

• iPhone+ iOS 7.0
| Free | v2.1

★★★★★


SKIFIT

 The free version gives you the basics but the full *SkiFit* programme – with more than 100 exercises – only costs £9.99/year.

• iPhone+ iOS 6.0
| Free | v0.0.1

★★★★★

SKI TRACKS – GPS TRACK RECORDER

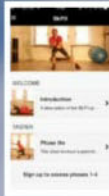
 A cool ski tracking application which is light on the battery, analyses your runs and provides detailed stats and graphs.

• iPhone iOS 6.0
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.4.2
• Android OS 2.2
| £0.79/\$0.99 | 1.2.2

★★★★★

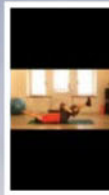
01 Keep yourself fit

It's important that you are in the best shape possible before you hit the slopes. The *SkiFit* app offers an eight-week training programme which is tailored for skiers of all abilities. Why not try the free Lite membership to begin with.



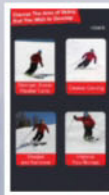
02 Understand balance

The app's exercises have been created by the sports injury clinic La Clinique du Sports and are led by physiotherapist Neil McLean-Martin. They are tough but they teach you movement patterns, strength, endurance, balance and coordination.



03 Watch and learn

Now you need to hone your technique, even if you believe you are already a good skier. The video lessons offered by *How To Ski* concentrate on four areas: parallel turns, carving, bumps and those slopes which become steeper and narrower.



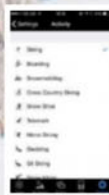
04 Resort info

Ready to get going properly? Use *Edge Ski - Tracking, Maps & Resort Info* to find information about your resort. It offers digital and piste mapping, shows terrain shapes, and has a full offline mode. It also gives weather information.



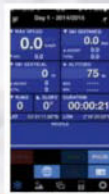
05 Choose activity

With *Ski Tracks* you are able to monitor whatever winter sport you wish to engage in. Hit Settings and choose between skiing, boarding, snowmobiling and more. Then, under the Track tab, select Start. You can even see an animated preview of your route.



06 Figure altitude

The app will show you your maximum speed, distance, duration, number of runs and altitude, the latter enabling you to alter your technique to suit the forthcoming terrain. Simply use the data to track and improve your subsequent ski runs.



FINAL THOUGHT

With a methodological approach to skiing, we were well-prepared for hitting the slopes, building stamina and fitness. Watching ski techniques isn't as good as getting out and practising but it gave us an idea of what worked. Viewing resorts and the slopes beforehand ensured we were better prepared.

COMPETITION

WIN! MISFIT FLASH

GET IN SHAPE WITH THIS WATERPROOF FITNESS TRACKER

The follow up to the popular Misfit Shine, the Flash fitness tracker guarantees a six-month battery life and is completely waterproof. It's also able to offer this at half the price of the Shine.

Crafted from soft touch plastic, the Misfit Flash's design ensures it is both light enough to forget you're wearing it and durable enough to keep up with an active lifestyle. Connecting via Bluetooth and working with a free companion app – available from both the iTunes App Store and Google Play Store – the Flash can accurately track a range of activities including walking, running, swimming, cycling and sleep. It then expresses activity as calories burned, distance travelled or steps taken. You can set daily goals and easily track improvement over time and compete with friends on a leader board.

The tracker also comes in seven colours – ranging from anonymous black and grey to vibrant fuchsia and lime green. If you don't want to wear it on your wrist, the strap is large enough you wear it around your ankle. It also comes with a clasp so you can clip it to clothing or your key chain.

We have two Misfit Flash fitness trackers to give away. For your chance to win one, head to our website and answer the following question...

Q HOW LONG DOES THE MISFIT FLASH BATTERY LAST?

- A.** 6 months
- B.** 6 days
- C.** 6 weeks

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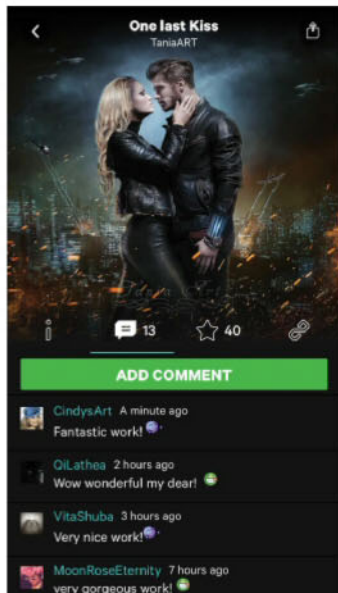
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MY HOME SCREEN

THE ARTIST

TOP APPS TO IGNITE YOUR CREATIVE SPARK

The touchscreen of a smartphone or tablet is perfect for artists, allowing a finger to take the role of a brush in the creation of one stunning image after another. These devices are also brilliant for making quick visual notes or helping creatives brush up on crucial skills. And with plenty of apps that encourage you to seek out the best art the world has to offer, you will always feel inspired.

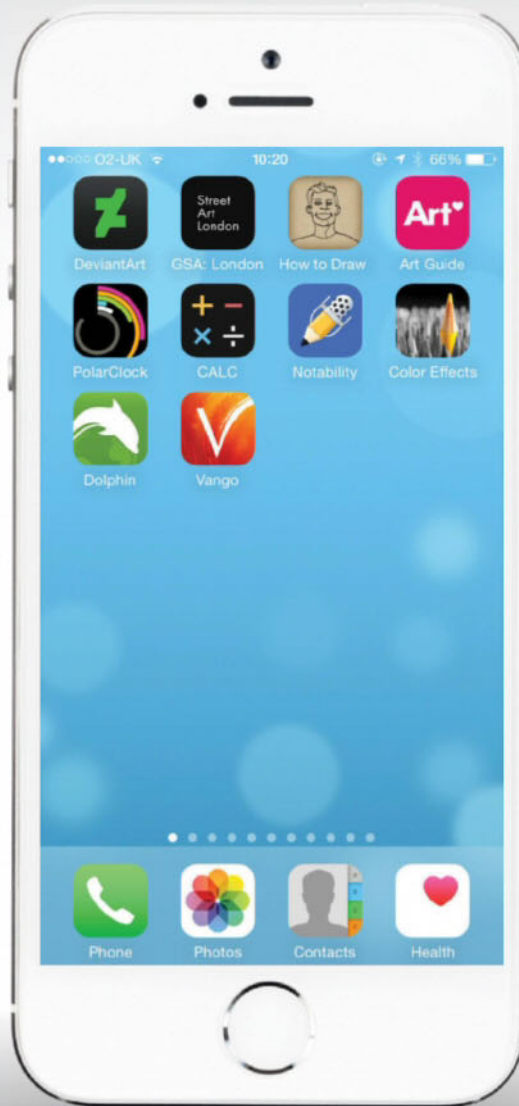


DEVIANART

ALTERNATIVE TO: MESSAGES

DeviantArt bills itself as the world's largest art gallery and it's hard to argue against that. In app form it contains an incredible wealth of artwork and it allows visitors to make comments and engage in conversations about each piece.

● iPhone | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.2
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free | v1.0.2.1

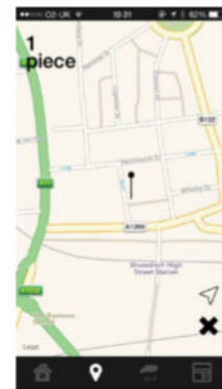


STREET ART LONDON

ALTERNATIVE TO: MAPS

If you are inspired by art that is all around you, *Street Art London* (and, for that matter, *Street Art New York*) offers up a GPS tracker and a regularly updated map to help you find the best. It also includes Banksy's work.

● iPhone | iOS 6.1
| £0.79/\$0.99 | 2.1



HOW TO DRAW

ALTERNATIVE TO: VIDEOS

Just starting out as an artist or want to brush up your skills? This curated collection of YouTube videos will give you a wealth of tips. From drawing Bart Simpson to perfecting eyes, each video found via this great drawing app can be rated for excellence.

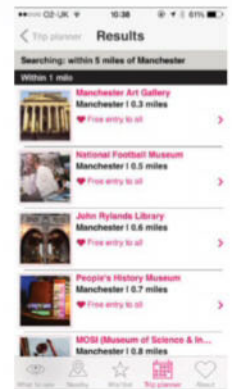
● iPhone | iOS 4.3
| Free | v1.3

ART GUIDE

ALTERNATIVE TO: REMINDERS

Created for UK art lovers, this app lets you discover the best art galleries across the country with more than 600 of them searchable by postcode and location. You can add those you fancy to a wish list for a later reminder.

● iPhone | iOS 5.0
| Free | v2.3
● Android | OS 3.0
| Free | v2.03



POLAR CLOCK: ART OF TIME

ALTERNATIVE TO: CLOCK

Why stick with a bog-standard, boring everyday clock when you can watch the passing of time in a far more compelling and beautiful manner. This app uses bevelled arcs to tell the time, giving you a pick of four different colours..

● iPhone | iOS 6.1
| Free | v1.0

"BRILLIANT FOR MAKING QUICK VISUAL NOTES OR HELPING CREATIVES BRUSH UP ON CRUCIAL SKILLS"

CALC

ALTERNATIVE TO: CALCULATOR

There is nothing particularly artistic when it comes to making mathematical calculations but with *Calc* you can at least make the task more visually appealing. This calculator app comes complete with a set of themes and a custom option for even greater personalisation.

● iPhone | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v3.3.3

NOTABILITY

ALTERNATIVE TO: NOTES

As well as jotting down those important text notes, this app also lets you sketch ideas and handwrite your messages. There is a range of ink and colours available to use and you can also take photos and annotate them. Unleash your creative, artistic thinking with this one.

● iPhone | iOS 7.0
| £2.29/\$2.99 | v5.33

COLOR EFFECTS

ALTERNATIVE TO: CAMERA

Images can really stand out when you turn them black and white and then add a dash of colour to the most important parts. *Color Effects* makes this process incredibly easy, with automatic edge correction and lots of brush sizes to hand so you can let your creativity run wild.

● iPhone | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v6.63

DOLPHIN BROWSER

ALTERNATIVE TO: SAFARI

Dolphin Browser brings out the artist within you by allowing you to create a personal gesture which will allow you to access the websites that you visit the most. It's a unique and ingenious way to avoid laborious typing.

● iPhone | iOS 6.0
| Free | v8.2.0
● Android | Varies
| Free | Varies

VANGO

ALTERNATIVE TO: APP STORE

The US-only app *Vango* allows you to browse and buy original art created by independent artists while at the same time providing oodles of all-important arty inspiration. All artists using the app must sell for \$100 at first, increasing their price as they become more popular.

● iPhone | iOS 7.0
| Free | v5.0.5

GEAR ROUNDUP

PHILIPS MULTIROOM SPEAKER WITH SPOTIFY CONNECT

Honestly a little lost for words. Philips' latest device is designed around, firstly, you owning a Spotify Premium account and having no desire to ever listen to music any other way. It's also designed for those who have property and lots of expendable cash. You can buy multiples of this adequate - but impressively loud - speaker, set them up around your house, and use your smartphone to switch between them as you walk around. Or, and this is just a suggestion, you could buy a portable Bluetooth speaker - that will play and connect to everything - and just move it when you do.

★★★★★

£89.99/\$N/A | Philips | www.philips.co.uk

FUEL iON CHARGING CAR MOUNT

If you can get over the extra weight of the Fuel iON case (see below), there's a very good chance you've fallen in love with wireless magnetic charging like we have. If you're looking for other practical applications, this iON car mount not only charges your phone - not to mention keeping it locked magnetically in place, perfect for when you're driving those long and windy roads - but the mount can also be attached to your windshield to get your phone a little extra juice for when Siri is needed to guide you out of the wilderness.

★★★★★

£34.99/\$49.99 | Patriot | www.patriotmemory.com



STEELSERIES STRATUS XL WIRELESS GAMING CONTROLLER

Manufacturers have yet to make a convincing case for using a control pad for mobile gaming, when touchscreens are so responsive - however the Stratus XL makes a valiant effort. The Stratus XL is nearly the same size as an Xbox controller, making it slightly less portable than other mobile controllers, but comes complete with a D-pad, four buttons, two shoulder bumpers and PlayStation-like thumbsticks, which certainly made playing console-quality games like République easier. Downsides are that it requires AA batteries and is only compatible with iOS.

★★★★★

£59.95/\$69.99 | SteelSeries
| www.steelseries.com

FUEL iON MAGNETIC CHARGING STAND

It feels like Fuel iON has just taken us on our first steps towards a very awesome future. Wireless magnetic charging is starting to become a reality for mobile devices - a method that lets you charge your phone without fiddling with cable. Sadly, it only works if you have your iPhone 5 strapped into the accompanying case. While it provides moderate protection, it also adds a lot of excess weight and size to your smartphone. Still, if you can get over that, charging is quick, easy and effortless - like it always should be.

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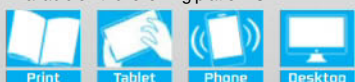


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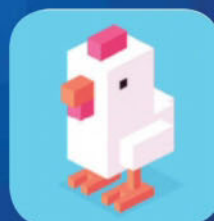
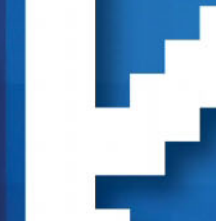
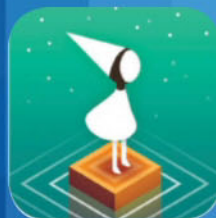
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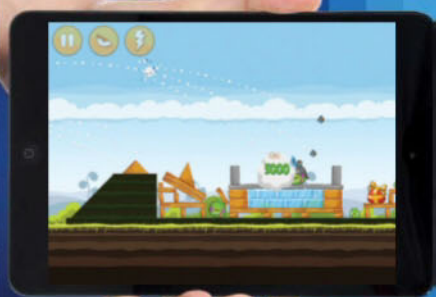
CALL OF DUTY: HEROES



COD, but not as we know it. Shifting the action from frenetic first-person shooting to combat strategy, what is required here is the shrewd deployment of ground troops and equipment to dominate your enemies on the battlefield.

Although brilliantly executed as a stand-alone game in its own right, COD: Heroes tastefully dips into the franchise to incorporate key players, such as Price, Soap and Harper, as kick-ass heroes that you can train-up and drop onto the maps to rack up meaty kill streaks. Much of the feel of COD's epic online multiplayer is also achieved thanks to the inclusion of kill streak staples such as the drone strike, UAV and chopper gunner, that can be called in to wreak havoc on enemy drones and structures. You can steadily develop and build up your own fortress to defend and you can train your army up to use units also pulled from the main games, such as Juggernauts, Dragonfires and CLAWS. If you thought that the series couldn't be compelling by ditching its FPS credentials, think again because this is a COD game in all but appearance.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3.3** | **Freemium**



ABOVE Propel your feathered fleet forth and pulverize those pigs across hundreds of awesome levels

ANGRY BIRDS



The Godfather of mobile gaming, *Angry Birds* has probably become a victim of overkill recently, but that is only because the original was such a phenomenon. The aim is to clear each level of pigs by catapulting your birds into the structures they frequent, to send the whole lot crashing down using the minimum amount of birds. Simple genius.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 5.0** | **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **Freemium**

“Packed with missions and challenges... explore some crazy new environments”



PAPA SANGRE



Completely different to anything you have played before, *Papa Sangre* has barely any graphics to stimulate you and is played out almost entirely in your own head. Driven almost completely by sound, you have to navigate terrain prowled by ferocious-sounding creatures and evade them by gauging how close they are by their grunts, and listen out to chimes to guide you through mazes. A great sequel is also available.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **£2.99/\$4.99**

CRAZY TAXI CITY RUSH



The anarchic racing thrills of the original arcade game are still in abundance in this mobile spin-off. Much of the control of your taxi has shifted to be on rails, but the buzz of getting your rides to their destinations is ever-present. Packed with missions and challenges, you can also fully customise your vehicle and explore some crazy new environments in this blisteringly-paced game.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0.0** | **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0** | **Freemium**



RIVAL STARS BASKETBALL



This game combines the fluid finger control of the *Flick Kick* games with a great sense of accomplishment as you gradually draft players in and out of your team to create a world-beating squad of slammers. You can test your team in a series of gruelling tournaments or grind out the same one repeatedly to make your players super-human.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0** | **Freemium**



SPLASHY FISH



There was once an app called *Flappy Bird* in which you tapped the screen to keep your bird airborne and see how many pipes you could fly through. It was a viral phenomena, annoyingly addictive, and was eventually pulled (for plagiarizing Mario's pipes apparently). But it lives on in countless clones, this being the closest to the doomed original.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 5.0** | **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **Freemium**

JETPACK JOYRIDE



The aim here is to simply stay alive and cover the most distance, which you do by evading various perils that are flung at you. You can't control the velocity at which you hurtle down the corridors, but you can apply bursts of jet pack to help you dodge the various laser traps and missiles that come thick and fast. Each game will only last a few minutes so it is perfect to dip into.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 5.0** | **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **Freemium**

GLUE KNIGHT



Like *Jetpack Joyride*, this game comes at you on rails and all you can do to influence the action is to jump or utilize your sword skills at the right time to bound over gaps and slay enemies. It starts off at a disorientating speed and gets progressively harder as you struggle to see the pitfalls coming at you, let alone have sufficient reflexes to deal with them. So why do we play it?!

● **iPhone** | **iOS 5.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **Free**

MONUMENT VALLEY



This is a game that stays with you long after you have put it down, not least thanks to the bewitching isometric architecture that you twist and manipulate to get through the levels. Nothing is what it seems here and can be transformed in the single press of a button, so you'll need to stay engaged to progress.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 6.0**
----- | **£2.49/\$3.99**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3.3**
| **£2.49/\$3.99**

WOAH DAVE!



A tolerance-testing, platform-style game dressed up in adorable retro chic, the aim is to stay alive by hurling projectiles at nasty space pests and trying not to fall into the lava pit. Dexterous manoeuvring is required as is skillful use of the power-ups you can employ to buy yourself some breathing space. Simple to master and hard to put down.

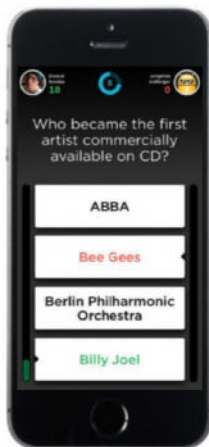
● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
| **£0.69/\$0.99**

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QUIZUP

If you've got a head full of useless info, then this app provides the means to pit your brains against other quiz Goliaths anywhere in the world. More than 500 topics are covered and you can out-score your matched opponents by getting the right answers in the quickest time. But, it can lose its appeal as the questions start to repeat.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 6.0**
| Freemium
● **Android | OS 4.0.3**
| Freemium



INFINITY BLADE

Two sequels have steadily improved and polished the formula, but when this head turner (or should that be roller?) first emerged it totally nailed the hack 'n' parry fighting engine and provided an enthralling sense of adventure as you plotted various routes through a castle heavily defended by dark knights and evil behemoths.

● **iPad+ | iOS 3.2**
| £3.99/\$6.99



GRAND THEFT AUTO: SAN ANDREAS



If you like your mobile games to have plenty of meat on the bone then how about revisiting the earlier outings of gaming's top dog? *GTAIII* and *GTA: Vice City* are also available, but this is the pick of the bunch as it brings *GTA's* biggest-ever world to your fingertips and packs in close to 100 hours of gameplay to get stuck into.

Taking in three cities and all of their surrounding countryside, *San Andreas* provides the ultimate sandbox experience

● **iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | £4.99/\$6.99** ● **Android | OS 3.0 | £4.99/\$6.99**



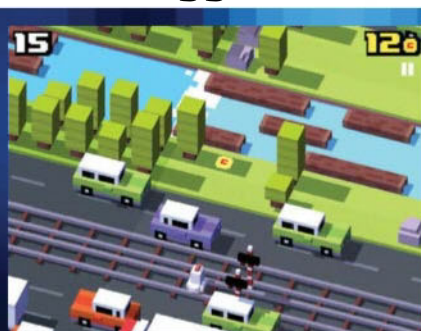
as you inevitably deviate away from doing the set missions and explore everything that this sprawling world has to offer. Pinching cars, playing pool, getting inked and trying to bust into Area 51 are just a few of the joyful pursuits you can enjoy and the touchscreen interface works surprisingly well at letting you run riot in your surrounds. The graphics have also been sharpened up in HD and touched-up with a great palette of colours making this the definitive version of *GTA's* finest hour.

"GTA: San Andreas brings GTA's biggest-ever world to your fingertips"

PLANTS VS ZOMBIES

Perhaps the definitive version of one of the most compelling tower defense games ever. In this *The Walking Dead* meets *The Big Allotment Challenge* mash-up, you have to defend your home from the shambling zombie hordes using a series of plants. The arsenal available is inspired and the adversaries grow ever more powerful the longer you hold out, and it is the trail and error in assembling your defenses that make it such a strategic nail-biter.

● **iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | £0.69/\$0.99**
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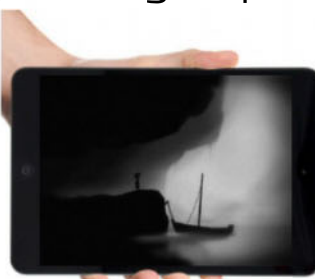


CROSSY ROAD – ENDLESS ARCADE HOPPER

Gamers over a certain age will instantly spot the similarities between this and a classic coin-op called *Frogger* and the aim is very much the same – avoid the moving perils. But whereas *Frogger* ended (or at least paused), there is no conclusion here, only the endless pursuit of an ever-higher score. Aside from going all three-dimensional, this game doesn't really innovate the formula. But, the again, it doesn't have to.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium**

Right Limbo is a game set in a shadowy, creepy world



LIMBO

If *Super Mario* was re-imagined by Tim Burton then this is the just the sort of intensely dark and unnerving side-scrolling platform game that would emerge. Playing as an unnamed boy searching for his lost sister, the shadowy visuals disguise a wide range of deadly traps and perils that you have to negotiate – but usually not without dying a few gruesome deaths in the process.

● **iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | £2.99/\$4.99**

SINGSTAR MIC

Though not a standalone game, this app works in conjunction with your PlayStation 3 or PS4 to play Sony's popular karaoke game, *SingStar*. Having this app eradicates the need to buy the physical mic controllers – simply connect the app to the system playing *SingStar* via Wi-Fi and then belt out the tunes. There's no built-in auto-tune though, you're on your own there!

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free**
● **Android | OS 4.1 | Free**

GRAND THEFT AUTO: iFRUIT

As a standalone app, the merits of *iFruit* are slim but it is intended as a companion app to *Grand Theft Auto 5*. It allows you to extend the experience to your mobile. By logging into the Rockstar Social Club you can pimp your in-game rides and train up Chop, Franklin's pooch to make him obedient in the main game.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 5 | Free**
● **Android | OS 4.0 | Free**

DESTINY COMPANION

Continuing the console games expansion theme, this app from Bungie, Inc taps into your PSN or Xbox Live account to allow you to scrutinize your Guardian, check all of your stats and compare scores with your friends. What's here won't allow you to influence the main game like *iFruit*, but it's a great geek tool to monitor where you are with the game on the move.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free**
● **Android | OS 4.0 | Free**

XBOX ONE SMARTGLASS

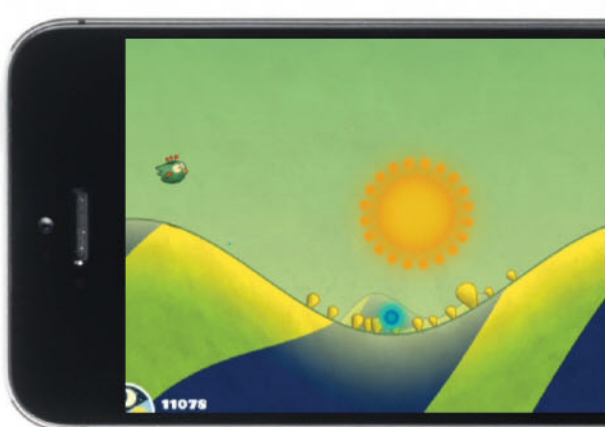
If you're an Xbox One owner then this app provides a mobile means to manage your account and even control your console. It's good for tracking your Achievements, finding out more about the games you play and messaging friends and can also be used as a remote control to manipulate your console.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free**
● **Android | OS 4.1 | Free**

PLAYSTATION APP

The PlayStation equivalent of the *SmartGlass* app is equally impressive, providing a means to monitor your PSN account, track Trophies and message mates. It only becomes essential though if you own a PS4 as you can shop for games and push them to your console, use your mobile device as an on-screen keyboard and utilize your phone as a second screen.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 6.0.0 | Free**
● **Android | OS 4.0 | Free**



TINY WINGS HD



What do you do if you're a bird that should be swooping high in the sky, yet your wings are so insignificant that they can't sustain your flight? Simple, you slide. Utilising the hilly terrain, you have to press down on the descents and release on the ascents in order to maintain sufficient speed to get through the levels. It also features multiplayer on a single device.

● **iPad** | **iOS 4.3** | **£1.99/\$2.99**



MEGA MAN X

This is a throwback to a time when games were games and not just eye-pleasing follies to play, complete and forget. *Mega Man X* is a platform shooter of such epic proportions that you'll sweat, scream and probably break a few things while you negotiate the hellish levels and beat the bosses. The experience is fleshed out with challenges and three difficulty levels.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 4.3** | **£2.99/\$4.99**

FLICK KICK FOOTBALL



An essential download for football fans that artificially replicates the thrill of curling a 30-yarder into the top corner without secreting a single bead of sweat. Using a digit to flick and swerve the ball, you must score an endless succession of free kicks from different distances and with more players blocking or obscuring your view. You can also compete against other expert benders online.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 5.1** | **£1.49/\$2.99**

● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **£1.49/\$2.99**



"Mega Man X is a platform shooter of epic proportions"

THE WALKING DEAD: THE GAME



This game tastefully utilizes its comic book subject matter

to form an experience that is part action, part point-and-click adventure and with a cell-shaded visual style that looks as though it's jumped straight off the page. Broken down into bite-sized episodes (the first of which you get for free, the others can be purchased and downloaded in-app), you control various psychologically-scarred members of a small group of survivors who don't just have to contend with the flesh-eating hordes that bang at the doors, but also each other as tempers constantly fray. Each character comes with their own baggage and inner demons and it is how you deal with these that ultimately moulds the game. Every decision has a consequence and often you're given no time to ponder the choices presented to you in any



given situation - you just have to roll with your choice and brace yourself for the outcome. The result is a brilliantly-paced psychological merry go-round that packs in more than its fair share of genuine jump moments that live long in the memory.

● **iPad+** | **iOS 4.3** | **Freemium**

● **Android** | **OS 4.1** | **Freemium**

SMASH HIT



Playing this is like riding out those weird trippy dreams that occur after too much alcohol consumption. A fusion of physics and sonics, the aim is to smash through objects with your ball bearing and progress as far through the 50 available levels as possible. Sharp reflexes and a good ear for rhythm are key and each stage presents new and original challenges for you to overcome.

● **iPad+** | **iOS 4.3** | **Freemium**

● **Android** | **OS 4.1** | **Freemium**

BEJEWELED



A fiendishly addictive puzzle game in which you have to form rows of like-coloured jewels to smash them up and glean bonuses. The ultimate aim is to achieve the highest possible score, but the action is delivered in such a slick way that you'll be mesmerized by the colours and satisfying pyrotechnics as you make the big-scoring matches.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 5** | **Freemium**

● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **Freemium**

SPIDER: THE SECRET OF BRYCE MANOR



We've played many different games, but never have we played as a spider detective. The aim is to fathom the fate of the family who once inhabited an abandoned mansion, all the while hunting for things to feed on and spinning webs.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 7.0.0**

| **£1.49/\$2.99**

● **Android** | **OS 2.2**

| **£1.49/\$2.99**

TEMPLE RUN



The best games are usually the simplest and the action here is frantic. Guide your Indie wannabe over treacherous terrain as you flee a group of, presumably wronged, apes. As you belt through the scenery on rails you have to perform simple jump, slide and turning actions to emerge unscathed. Power-ups and collectibles ensure you keep coming back for more.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 4.3** | **Freemium**

● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **Freemium**

CRIMSONLAND HD



Crimsonland is all about the mettle as you battle to fend off wave upon wave of intergalactic creatures. One stick controls your movement, the other controls the 360 degree swirls of your gunfire that you'll need to rattle off to keep the nasties from closing in. There are 60 levels to survive and you'll secrete a barrel-full of bodily-fluids in your quest to do so.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0**

| **Freemium**



BUBBLE BOBBLE DOUBLE



If you have somehow missed Taito's brilliant platformer game across many years and many gaming platforms then make a beeline for it now because it remains as irresistible as ever. Each of the 100 available levels is a screen full of platforms to negotiate and enemies that you must snare with your blown bubbles before popping with your horns. The package also features an updated version, but you won't need that one.

● iPad+ | iOS 3.0 | £2.99/\$4.99



THE SIMPSONS: TAPPED OUT



We feel obliged to include one of those passive games that you build up and then leave to 'live' in the background, and this is a fine example. Bringing the dry wit of the hit show to the small screen, you rebuild Springfield after a Homer-infused nuclear meltdown. You could d'oh a lot worse!

● iPad+ | iOS 5.1 | Free
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | Free

Rebuild Springfield after a Homer-infused nuclear meltdown. You could d'oh a lot worse!

SUPERBROTHERS: SWORD & SWORCERY EP



A swirling sound score by composer Jim Guthrie powers the game as you solve musical puzzles and battle hostile foes with your trusty sword. It's soothingly ambient and thought-evoking and you can also team up with friends via Twitter. Pure App Store gold.

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | £2.99/\$4.99
● Android | OS 2.3 | £2.99/\$4.99



FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S



A genuinely unnerving experience, you play as a night watchman at Freddy Fazbear's Pizza emporium and have to monitor the unpredictable movements of the animatronic attractions that entertain the kids by day, but come alive at night. Using the security cameras and limited electrical resources to have to stop them from getting to you in jump-through-the-ceiling fashion.

The aim is to 'survive' over five nights of terror and the challenge is ramped up on subsequent nights with the movements of the sinister robots becoming ever more erratic coupled with them become swifter on their feet. Nothing can describe the panic you feel as you lose one menacing machine on one camera feed while checking another and the heart-stopping moment should they breach your defenses and lunge in for the kill. Simple in execution but drenched in suspense, you'll not want to sleep with the lights off for at least five nights after playing this.

● iPad+ | iOS 5.1 | £1.99/\$2.99 ● Android | OS 2.3 | £1.99/\$2.99

"The aim is to survive over five nights of terror... with sinister robots becoming more erratic"

SUPER CRATE BOX



The premise here is as simple as the retro 8-bit graphics - fend off the never-ending hordes of enemies using a range of different weapons. It's all about the score as you negotiate the platforms and round up the enemies for the optimum shot in order to rack up those kills. A throwback to an era when a 'continue' was a rude word, the challenge here is relentless.

● iPad+ | iOS 3.1 | £1.49/\$1.99

WORLD OF GOO HD



A triumph of style and stickiness, *World of Goo* requires you to traverse the land using blobs of goo to form bridges and structures to get to where you need to go. It's a real brain teaser and the introduction of new goo later on throws up more questions. It's all delivered rather beautifully.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | £2.99/\$4.99
● Android | OS 2.2 | £2.99/\$4.99

PLAGUE INC



This is an outbreak management sim in which you are the harbinger of doom. The aim is to infect the world with a virus, mutating it to cope with whatever attempts mankind makes to stop it. There is much to get your head around, but it's an enjoyable experience that deviates from the norm.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | £0.99/\$1.99
● Android | OS 2.2 | £0.99/\$1.99

CALL OF DUTY: ZOMBIES



Zombies is very much back in the realms of what made the series popular - running and gunning in first-person. Fend off increasingly nimble waves of zombies by buying weapons and using the environment. How long can you survive?

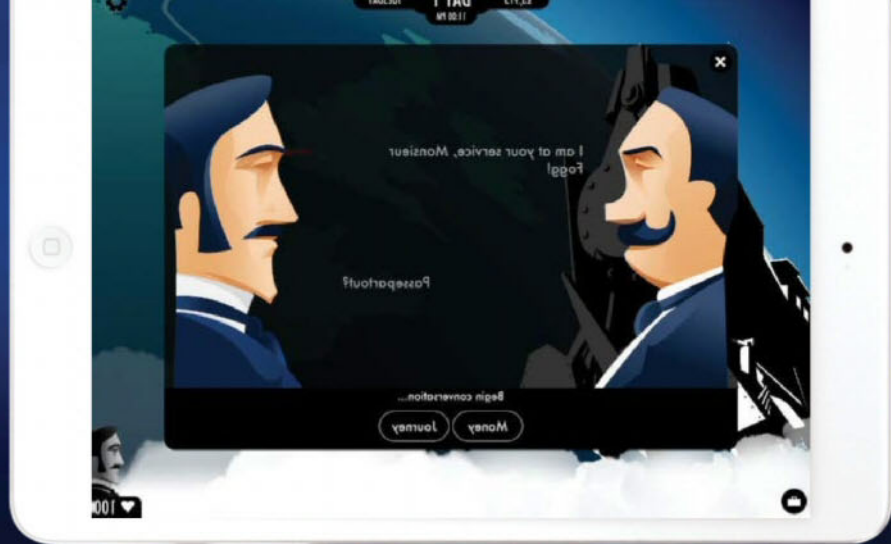
● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | £4.99/\$6.99
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | £4.99/\$6.99

HITMAN GO



Those who have enjoyed Agent 47's stealthy kill tactics on the consoles may be alarmed by this app's shift into turn-based strategy, but it works. The aim is the same - avoid detection and take out your targets - but more thought and cunning is required to carry out the perfect hit. A bold move by the developer.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0.0 | £2.99/\$4.99
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | £2.99/\$4.99



80 DAYS



This app is hard to categorise. Is it a game? Or an interactive book? Or an exercise in resource management? It's actually all of the above, brilliantly re-imagining Phileas Fogg's jaunt around the globe and placing you in the role of his dogsbody tasked with plotting the route and keeping close tabs on your supplies and finances.

There are 150 cities to explore, each one throwing up new acquaintances and side-

tasks to complete. All of your actions also have consequences, both in how successful you ultimately are in your quest and your relationship with your master. The game is also given a fresh steampunk look and fully embraces the technology to allow you to track the movements of your friends in a live feed and see which routes they took on their travels. It truly is a compelling way to rediscover the classic story and a different adventure is assured each time you play.

● iPad+ | iOS 5.1.1 | £3.99/\$4.99 ● Android | OS 2.3 | £3/\$6.99

“150 cities to explore, each one throwing up new acquaintances and tasks”



GOAT SIMULATOR



We pray that we never meet the warped mind that dreamt up this lovable nonsense, but until that unlikely event we can savour plenty of daft wanton destruction dished out by, yes, a goat. The aim is to cause as much carnage as possible, smashing structures and using the goat's tongue as a novel grappling hook to latch onto objects and swing into others. Great fun.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0.0 | £2.29/\$2.99
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | £2.29/\$2.99

FRUIT NINJA



It is easy to forget how good this game is. Test your hand/eye co-ordination and slash the screen to slice the fruit while steering clear of bombs and racking up combos. Success comes from not missing any items of fruit and slashing through as many waves as possible.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | £0.69/\$0.99
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | £0.69/\$0.99



MINECRAFT – POCKET EDITION



To the uninitiated it's probably hard to fathom the appeal of *Minecraft*. You just wonder around making things and the graphics are crap, right? Indeed, but the beauty of it comes from exploring the mineral-rich lands, gathering resources and constructing detailed buildings. You can have as much fun running around killing your mates as you can building Hogwarts.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0.0 | £2.99/\$4.99
● Android | OS 4.3 | £2.99/\$4.99



DOODLE JUMP



A masterstroke in tilt-technology, the aim is to scale sheets of graph paper, blasting baddies and utilizing all manner of power-ups to assist your ascent. There are 11 different worlds to scale and the scores of your mates are scribbled in the page margins for you to chuckle at. Super stylish and more morish than meth. Probably.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | £0.69/\$0.99
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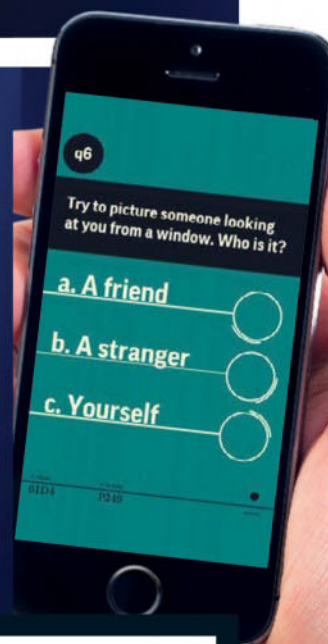


DEVICE 6



An expertly executed thriller, this app plays with the conventions of games and literature to present an intriguing mystery in which you have to piece together the fractured mind of a woman dumped on a remote island. The result is a stylishly realized experience, presented in a stark manner that will play on your mind long after you have put your device to sleep.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1 | £2.49/\$3.99



MONOPOLY GAME



Board games work well on mobile devices – especially while stuck at airports as the whole family can get involved. This digital version of *Monopoly* is equally as enthralling as if you had the physical hard cash and plastic properties laid out in front of you. And unlike the real thing, you can also play it on your own.

● iPhone | iOS 5.1.1 | £0.69/\$0.99
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | £0.69/\$0.99

STEALTH INC



Armed with only your wits and a pair of stealth goggles, you have to tip-toe through a heavily-secured facility avoiding all manner of traps and pitfalls hell-bent on snuffing out your existence. It presents a formidable challenge with over 80 levels to plot a course through, which can be extended still further thanks to in-app purchases.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$4.99

SCRIBBLENAUTS REMIX



When games dare to be different they reap the rewards – *Scribbernauts* is a true original. It is a puzzle game where you simply think of what object would come in handy in certain situations and draw it. As such, the solutions are truly limitless.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1.1 | £0.69/\$0.99
● Android | OS 2.3 | £0.69/\$0.99

DROP7



Devilishly addictive and mind-soothingly simple, drop numbered discs into a grid and group them by number to keep the columns down. Bonuses are awarded for chaining multiple groups and different levels of difficulty help both novices and puzzle pros enjoy the experience. A free version is also available.

● iPhone+ | iOS 3.1.3 | £1.99/\$2.99
● Android | OS 1.5 | £1.99/\$2.99

CUT THE ROPE



Would any games feature be complete without this? You have to feed Om Nom the monster sweets. But, you have to strategically cut ropes in order to work the sugary treats into his grateful gob. It starts off simple, but before long you'll be pulling your face off trying to work out the sequences.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$4.99
● Android | OS 2.3 | £2.99/\$4.99

GET FIT

TOP 10 APPS TO TRACK YOUR
HEALTH AND GET YOU IN SHAPE
FOR SUMMER



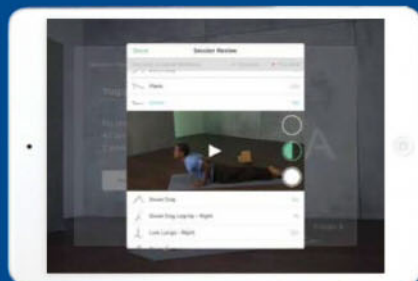
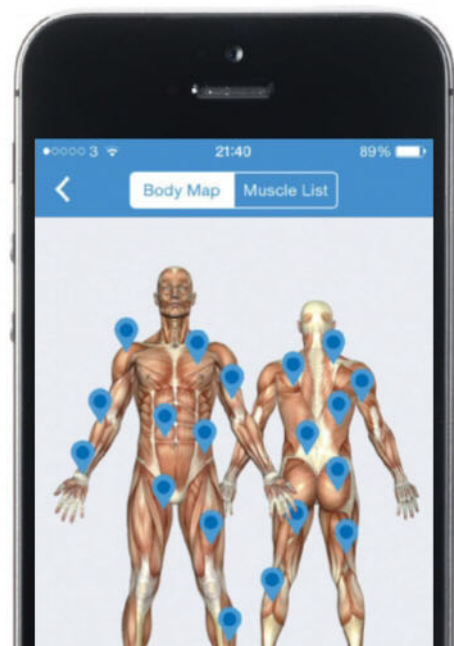
FITNESS BUDDY



No single app is ever going to cover every aspect of your exercise regime, but *Fitness Buddy* makes a pretty great go of it. Packed with detailed instructions, animations and videos of an astonishing 1,700 exercises, it's as close to an all-in-one fitness app as you're likely to find. You can browse the individual exercises by category or by muscle and each one is accompanied by a handy animation, as well as a visual breakdown of the steps involved to guide you through your workout.

Fitness Buddy puts its massive exercise database to good use, too. The app features a huge array of workouts targeting specific areas to focus on – core, chest, back etc – with beginner, intermediate and advanced options available. Workouts can also be filtered according to the equipment they require, so even if your home gym is a set of dumbbells and nothing else then you can easily find exercises that will work for you. The ability to assemble custom workouts, as well as track your progress, is also a welcome inclusion, allowing you to create, save and share your own personalised routines with just a few taps.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **£1.49/\$1.99**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **£1.26/\$1.99**



ABOVE *FitStar Yoga* allows you to review individual poses after each session

FITSTAR YOGA



Whether you're a yoga enthusiast who can downward dog like a pro, or just a novice in need of a good stretch, the slick *FitStar Yoga* app is a valuable resource for those looking to practice their poses outside the studio. The basic app offers a wealth of HD video tutorials and personalised sessions. If you're looking for more, upgrading to the Premium package adds a number of additional features including AppleTV support.

● **iPad+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Freemium** | **v1.0.1**

RUNKEEPER

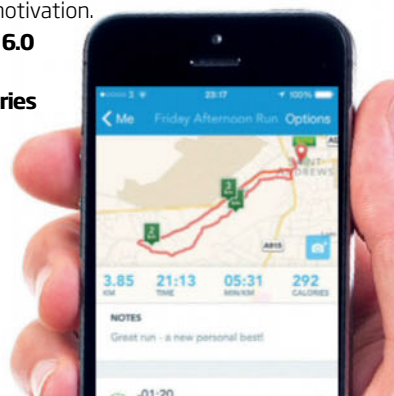


Running is arguably the most accessible form of exercise there is, but it can still be difficult to judge your progress without setting yourself goals. That's where *Runkeeper* excels. Whether you're in training and preparing for a big race, or you simply want to improve your stamina, the app's extensive stat tracking and detailed route mapping provide excellent feedback and motivation.

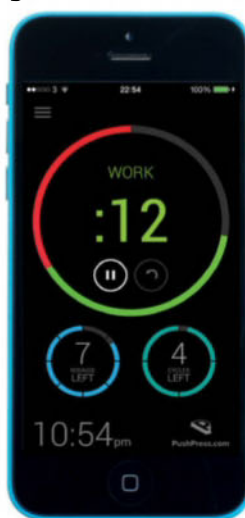
● **iPhone** | **iOS 6.0**
| **Freemium**
● **Android** | **Varies**
| **Freemium**

RIGHT

Runkeeper helps you keep track of your running progress as you train



“Even if your home gym is a set of dumbbells, you can find exercises that work for you”



PUSHPRESS TIMER

Interval training is one of the most popular and effective exercise methods out there, and *PushPress Timer* is an ideal companion app for those who are serious about their high-intensity workouts. The app features loads of timekeeping options, but most importantly it has a bold, simple interface that's extremely easy to read at a glance, so you can focus on your workout.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0**
| **Free**

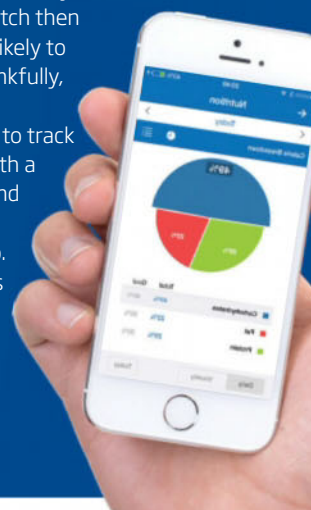
“PushPress Timer is ideal for high-intensity workouts”

CALORIE COUNTER & DIET TRACKER



Exercising regularly is all well and good, but if your diet isn't up to scratch then you're unlikely to see great results. Thankfully, *MyFitnessPal's Calorie Counter* makes it easy to track what you're eating, with a huge food database and a barcode scanner to quickly input meal info. The app even provides nutritional tips based on your fitness goals.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
| **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies**
| **Free**



7 MINUTE WORKOUT CHALLENGE



7 Minute Workout Challenge delivers a bite-sized fitness program that can be performed almost anywhere, and doesn't require any equipment. It won't replace your gym membership, but it's the perfect app to get you moving every day.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 6.0**
| **£1.49/\$1.99**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3.3**
| **£1.10/\$1.99**

RUNTASTIC ROAD BIKE



To get the most out of your road bike, strap your smartphone on to your velo and *Road Bike* will give you live tracking of everything from speed to elevation. The Route Search function allows cyclists to choose thousands of tried and tested circuits.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 7.0**
| **£2.99/\$4.99**
● **Android** | **Varies**
| **£2.99/\$4.99**

FITBIT



Fitbit is an excellent all-round fitness app, with plenty of features. But where it stands out is in its integration with *Fitbit's* fitness products, which range from activity-tracking bands to internet-enabled scales. Combined with this hardware, the *Fitbit* app offers unparalleled feedback on your body.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 7.0**
| **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies**
| **Free**

MOVES



Keeping fit isn't just about time at the gym, it's about keeping active in your day-to-day life, too. *Moves* is a gorgeous app that effortlessly tracks your movement and activity, from walking, to running, to cycling, and uses GPS and motion sensing to visualise the steps you take throughout the day.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 7.0**
| **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0**
| **Free**

30 DAY FITNESS CHALLENGES



There are a ton of month-long fitness plans out there, but *30 Day Fitness Challenges* combines 20 of the best into a single app. Each program features detailed tutorials, video demos and daily challenges. Plus, you can tick off your progress as you go.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 7.0**
| **£2.29/\$2.99**
● **Android** | **OS 4.1**
| **£1.49/\$1.99**



SING IT LOUD KARAOKE APPS

BELT OUT YOUR FAVOURITE TUNES WITH THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF THESE APPS

STARMAKER

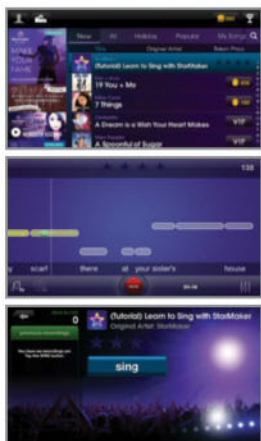


From auto-tuning your voice to capturing some stellar video footage as you sing, *StarMaker* has all of the key features in place. The only downside (as is typical for these apps) is having to shell out for the best tracks. There's a lot going on in the app and plenty to explore but unfortunately it's not quite as intuitive to use as some of its rivals.

Polished and packed with features, but you really need to subscribe to use it properly.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v3.1.1
● Android | OS 4.1
| Freemium | Varies



YOKEE

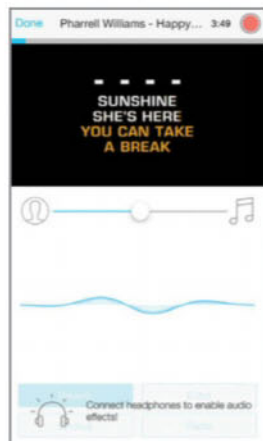


Called *Free Karaoke* on iOS and *Karaoke Sing & Record* on Android, this is the same app from Yokee. It taps into the huge number of karaoke tracks on YouTube for the bulk of its music library, and on top of the basics it lets you record your singing effects, add audio effects, and share the results via social media.

Polished and professional, though you'll need to pay if the song you want to sing isn't available on YouTube.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v3.0.7
● Android | OS 4.0.3
| Freemium | v2.0.135



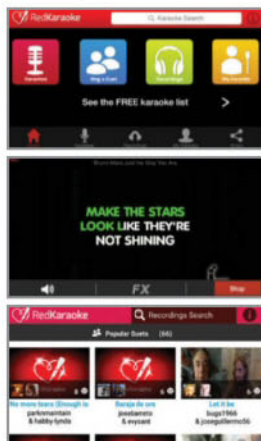
RED KARAOKE



One of the most comprehensive karaoke apps out there: you can add effects and video along with your singing, duet with other users, and save your recordings (or upload them to the web). As is usually the case you'll have to pay to get the best songs, though a smattering of tracks can be accessed for free so you can see if you like it. Just about every feature you could want from a karaoke app, especially if you upgrade.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
| Freemium | v2.33
● Android | OS 2.2
| Freemium | v2.19



SPOTIFY MIUSIC



You've no doubt already heard of *Spotify*, but you might not know that it offers a host of karaoke backing tracks as well as millions of originals. Type in any well-known song and chances are that some karaoke band has covered it, complete with backing vocals. You don't get any help with the lyrics but they aren't difficult to source.

Whether you're a free user or a premium subscriber, *Spotify* is a useful karaoke tool.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v2.2.0
● Android | Varies
| Freemium | Varies



SING! KARAOKE

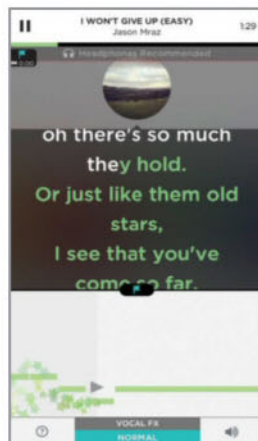


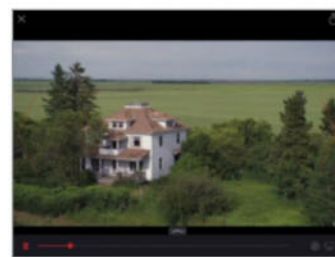
Sing! Karaoke is one of the most professional-looking, high-quality karaoke apps on the market, but you'll need to stump up some cash or watch adverts to unlock songs (you get one free). Once you've accessed a song, you can duet with others, save your recordings, add video, and enhance your voice.

There isn't much you can do for free but this is otherwise a stand-out karaoke app.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v4.0.5
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Freemium | v2.1.8





Above The production values of the app hold up favourably for the most part

Left Watch through an episode twice and some of the details might change

DARK HEARTS

INTERACTIVE HORROR SEQUEL IS FULL OF SURPRISES

PROS/CONS

- ▲ Moody and atmospheric, with good production values throughout
- ▲ Having details change on repeat viewings is an interesting idea
- ▼ Short, irregular episode releases interrupt the flow
- ▼ Keeping track of the story can be difficult



You don't need a media studies degree to know that the way we watch our TV shows and movies is changing, from binge-watching on *Netflix* to hashtagging during *X-Factor*.

Hooked Digital Media is experimenting with launching films as apps, with *Dark Hearts* the sequel to last year's critically-acclaimed *Haunting Melissa* (you don't have to have seen the first film to understand *Dark Hearts*, but it helps). Like *Haunting Melissa*, *Dark Hearts* is a well-produced, spooky tale of horror. Your take on it is going to depend on how much of a horror fan you are and how well you take to this new app-centred form of distribution – if you enjoyed *Haunting Melissa* then *Dark Hearts* will be right up your street. We're not taking award-winning or ground-breaking levels of quality, but in most aspects (sound, cinematography, acting, story, special effects) this holds up very well to anything you might find while browsing around on *Netflix*. There's some heavyweight Hollywood experience behind *Dark Hearts*, and it shows through whether you're a horror aficionado or not.

Dark Hearts, also trades on *Haunting Melissa* other unique selling point – some scenes change the second time you watch them, for example there might be a ghostly figure in a corner where there wasn't one before. It's good to see the app developers experimenting with ideas that take



advantage of the app format. You can also take screengrabs and join the official forums.

Sign up for a free account and you get the first seven episodes included. New episodes are released irregularly, presumably to build up the suspense and anticipation, but from Chapter 8 onwards you'll have to fork out £0.69/\$0.99 per episode or £3.99/\$5.99 for a season pass.

There are some imaginative ideas here and we experienced no playback problems, but it's not going to replace *Netflix* anytime soon.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.05
<http://bit.ly/darkheartsios>

ALTERNATIVELY

Five other creepy apps for some mobile scares

01 HORRORGRAM



Let your inner horror artist loose and create your own scary photos and videos using materials from Lionsgate horror movies, then share them with friends over social networks.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0
 | Free | v3.1

02 EYES



Work your way through an empty house and collect as many valuables as you can – but beware, there's something in the air with this creepy game that suggests you're not alone...

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v2.1

03 THE WOODS



Imagine having the opportunity to play through your very own version of *The Blair Witch Project* as one of the characters, and you're pretty close to the type of creepy experience provided by *The Woods*.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 3.1.3
 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.5

04 SLENDER RISING 2



Slender Rising is one of the best games based around the spooky 'Slender Man' character, and the sequel surely doesn't disappoint as it cranks up the suspense and the chills even further.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
 | £2.49/\$3.99 | v1.2

05 THE DROWNING

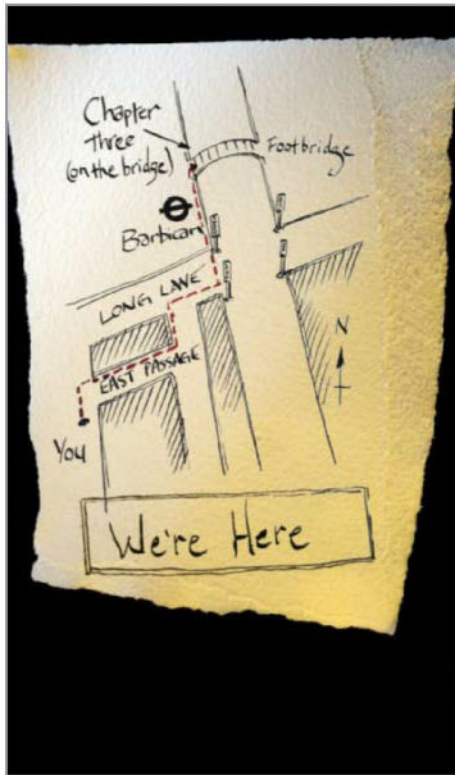


No discussion of horror apps would be complete without a good FPS zombie-blasting game, and, handily enough, *The Drowning* manages to deliver the zombie goodness in spades.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
 | Freemium | v1.32

A HOLLOW BODY



Above The narration and music are professionally done throughout

A HOLMES-INSPIRED WALK AROUND THE CITY OF LONDON



A Hollow Body is one of the more unusual apps we've come across lately: it's essentially a guided walking tour for you and a friend to take around the City of London, starting at Paternoster Square near St Paul's Cathedral. It's not an educational or historical tour – it's sort of an interactive star-in-your-own-movie type of experience, inspired by the major Sherlock Holmes exhibition that is now on show at the Museum of London.

We won't spoil too much about the content and what you'll uncover, but there are two different routes for you and your friend to follow, and you will occasionally meet up along the way. It's fun and intriguing to do – especially when you cross each other's paths – and there's nothing dangerous or embarrassing here. In total it'll take you around 45 minutes to complete the walk and of course it goes without saying that you need to be in London.

The audio commentary and music are both very well produced, although the app itself is pretty bare bones. There's no pause button, for example, but the content is split up into three



Left You need to work through the app commentary with a friend

chapters which is some help if you get lost and need to retrace your steps. If you're a Holmes fan or looking for something a bit out of the ordinary, then this is worth investigating.

A quirky and unusual experience to try if you're in the capital and fancy doing something a little different.

★★★★★

● **iPhone | iOS 6.0 | Free | v1.0**

<http://bit.ly/ahollowbodies>

● **Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.1**

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GLOSE

CROSS-PLATFORM EBOOK READING WITH A SOCIAL NETWORK TWIST

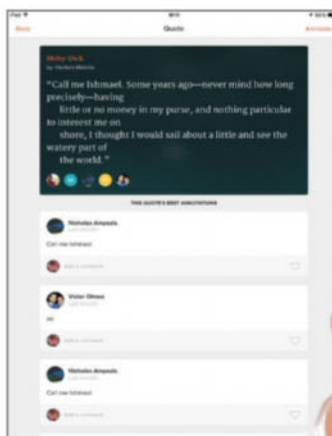


With juggernauts such as Amazon around, the ebook market can't be the easiest to try and get into, but *Glose* is giving it a good go

anyway. This web and iOS-based ebook reading platform (Android support is 'coming soon') focuses on two key areas: the elegance of its interface and the social aspect of reading. You can easily annotate passages with your own thoughts, share excerpts with friends, and make your reading more social.

All of these features are available elsewhere of course but *Glose* brings a fresh and intuitive approach that works well. Signing up (via Facebook, Twitter or email) only takes a few taps of the screen and then you can get reading straight away with some free classic novels. The store looks well stocked with a lot of big names present and correct (*Glose* says over 300,000 titles are available), although we did notice that many titles were only available on the web or blocked in the UK at the moment.

Both the iOS app and the web interface are beautifully designed, and the social aspects work well – you get your own Facebook-style profile page too. We'd like to see some more customisation options in terms of fonts and layout, as well as improved agreements with publishers, but *Glose* is off to a good start.



Above You can read through annotations left by others or post your own

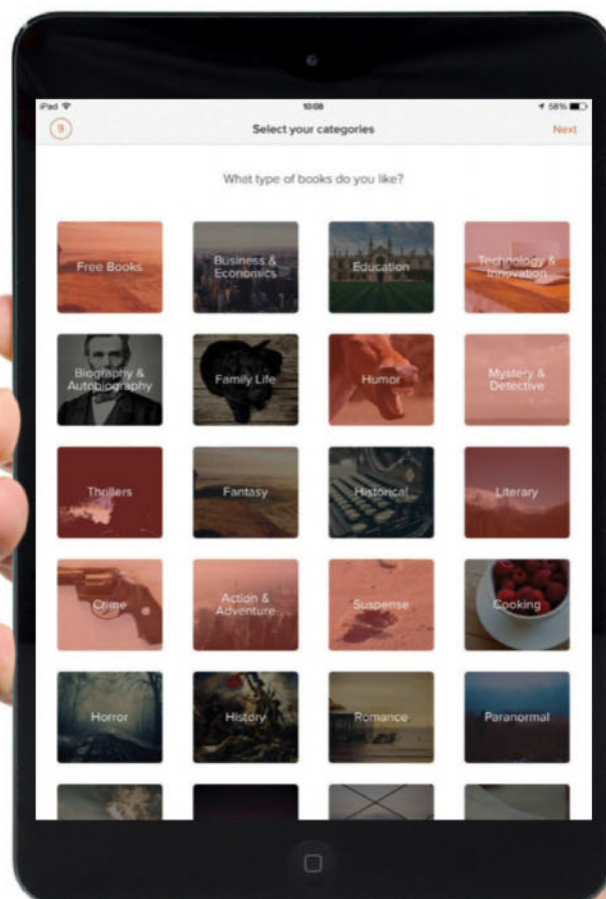
Right Get started by telling *Glose* about the books you're interested in

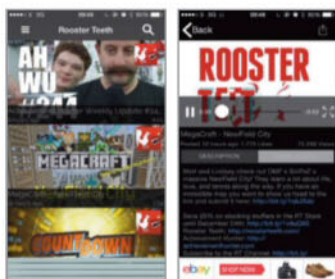
A promising new ereader app that's worth a look for book lovers.

★★★★★

● **iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.2**

<http://bit.ly/gloseios>





ROOSTER TEETH



If you are not aware of Rooster Teeth, this app may prove to be a worthy introduction to a source of animated shorts, films and unique humour which we predict will likely get under your skin quite quickly. The interface is quite busy, but it suits the genre perfectly and despite some long adverts before many of the videos, we enjoyed this app for the feel of it and of course the varied content. If you are a fan, you will love it and if not, this could be the time to check it out.

A pleasing app which displays the Rooster Teeth content in all its bizarre glory.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Free | v1.3



YOU'VE GOT NO FANS! SOUNDBOARD



Soundboard apps are typically difficult to review because they have one purpose

which is to present a series of amusing sounds by a well-known entertainer. This one is indeed amusing and has more chance of being useful in day-to-day situations than many others, but the fact that there is only eleven sounds means that the scope is still somewhat limited. It does what it needs to, but it would be nice to see a lot more content.

An amusing soundboard app which suffers from a general lack of content.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.1



LITTLE BIG FOOT



There is no doubting the quality and care that has gone in to the creation of *Little*

Big Foot and we are sure that children will initially enjoy the cute story and the fun interactivity that it offers. It is colourful and interesting throughout, however we can't help feeling that we have seen many of the tricks included in this app before and that the medium needs to move on and offer a bit more of a wow factor. If your child has used a few mobile storytelling apps, this one may feel a little too familiar to them.

A good-quality storytelling app, but it feels a little too familiar.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 5.1.1 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.2



PONY STYLE BOX - DRESS UP YOUR HORSES



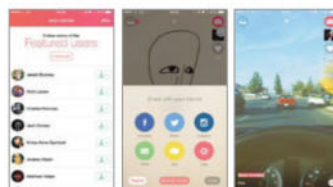
Sometimes it helps to grab a child's attention by creating something unusual and here we

have an app which lets children dress up slightly strange ponies in a variety of ways. It really is very good fun. The animations are enchanting and in our tests the children we showed it to were mightily impressed. With so many similar apps available it is very difficult to stand out, but this app caters for the target market well.

A fun children's app which will offer lots of amusement over extended periods.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.1



MINDIE - MUSIC VIDEO MAKER



Here we have an app which manages to strike the perfect balance between

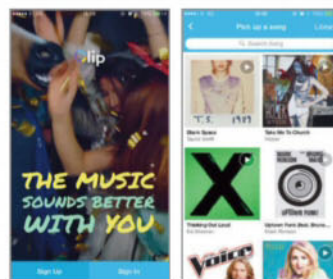
allowing easy creativity with the ability to produce professional results. You can upload your video footage with music in the background and then share your creation with the world in mere minutes. The fact that the process is as easy as could be imagined and that the social networking elements are also obvious means that it is an app and service you can jump right into. A superbly creative social network.



Anyone can create video clips and share them in seconds.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.5.1



CLIP VIDEO



Clip Video is similar to *Mingle* and other apps that attempt to help you quickly

share videos with music in the background, but it centres the focus more on the social networking side. It has a fun interface, especially when browsing the creations of others, and the use of comments and likes will obviously feel familiar from the start. Without standing out in a big way, *Clip Video* is an app and social network that many people will grow to like a lot over time.

A fun media-centric social network which is easy to use and manage on the move.

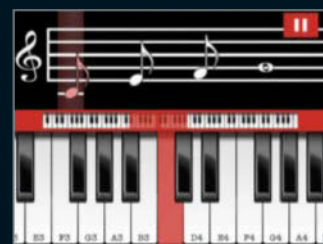
★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.2



TOP 05 apps to...

LEARN TO PLAY PIANO



01 PIANO COMPLETE

Featuring a staggering 1,000 lessons to learn and 500 songs to play, the *Piano Complete* app provides you with everything you need to learn to play by reading sheet music or falling notes.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 3.0 | £7.99/\$9.99 | v1.2.1

02 PIANO MELODY PRO

Learn to play the piano just by ear, with this app it'll start you off with recognizing a just a few simple notes and then before you know it you'll be playing along with 300 songs.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99 | v10.3
● Android | OS 2.2 | £2.00/\$2.99 | Varies

03 ADICTUM PIANO LESSONS

Learn how to play modern music for the piano and keyboard, including rock, pop, jazz and electronica, simply by following the fantastic instructional videos provided by *Adictum Piano Lessons*.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £4.99/\$6.99 | v2.0

04 LEARN PIANO HD

If you're keen to learn piano but want the more personal touch, this app is undoubtedly for you. Load it up to watch videos of piano expert Peter Darling and play along with him.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v3.8
● Android | OS 2.1 | £1.25/\$1.99 | v2.0

05 STEINWAY ETUDE

This app helps you to find sheet music for all of your favourite tracks. It's free to download, but all of the sheet music you want to play has to be purchased in-app.


★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 5.1 | Freemium | v2.2

CREATIVE SKETCH APPS

APPS TO ENABLE YOU TO INDULGE YOUR INNER ARTIST


AUTODESK SKETCHBOOK

 Autodesk produces a powerful *SketchBook* desktop application so you're in safe hands with the app. There's a strong range of brushes and tools to doodle with, though most of the best ones come as a one-off in-app purchase. Still, the free version is easy enough to play with. An impressive and flexible variety of features yet always fast and responsive to use.

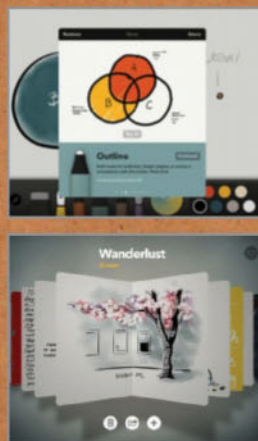
★★★★★
 ● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v3.0.5
 ● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v3.0.5




PAPER BY FIFTYTHREE

 *Paper* has picked up a strong, loyal following since 2012, and whether or not you pick up the Pencil stylus from the same company it's a well thought-out and accomplished sketching app (as long as you have an iPad). Most of the cool tools are in-app purchases, but there is a try-before-you-buy option. A well-established and beautifully made drawing app that just continues to grow and improve.

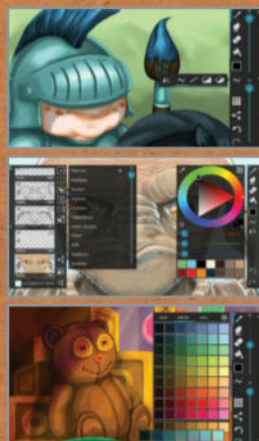
★★★★★
 ● iPad | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.2.2




ARTFLOW

 Most creative sketching apps are built primarily for iPads and iPhones but *ArtFlow* is one of the exceptions. It's perhaps less stylish than the rest of the entries mentioned here but it's still packed with plenty of great options for doodling away, and offers more in the free version than most comparable sketching apps. An in-app purchase unlocks all of the available brushes and features. Lacks a bit of polish but it's still a very capable app with a pile of useful tools.

★★★★★
 ● Android | OS 2.2 | Freemium | v2.1.9



TAYASUI SKETCHES

 *Tayasui Sketches* feels a little more quirky than most of its competitors but it features a set of drawing tools and an intuitive interface that are just as impressive and a little bit friendlier too. Again, most of the advanced functionality is stuck behind an in-app purchase but you do have the option of a free one-hour trial of these tools.


Combines a comprehensive set of features and tools with an intuitive and friendly approach.

Apps FIVESTAR AWARD

★★★★★
 ● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v8.1



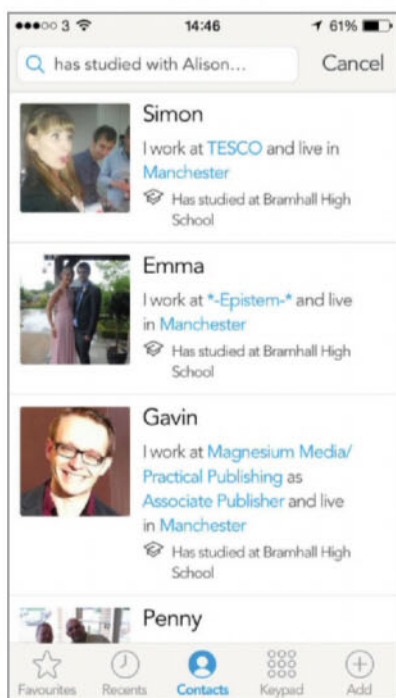
PROCREATE POCKET

 *Procreate* has long been a favourite app for digital artists working on iPads and now there's a *Pocket* version written specifically for the iPhone and iOS 8.1. Every pixel of it feels powerfully and professionally crafted and if you don't mind spending a couple of pounds you get a stack of features for your money - in fact it's perhaps too complex and powerful for some.

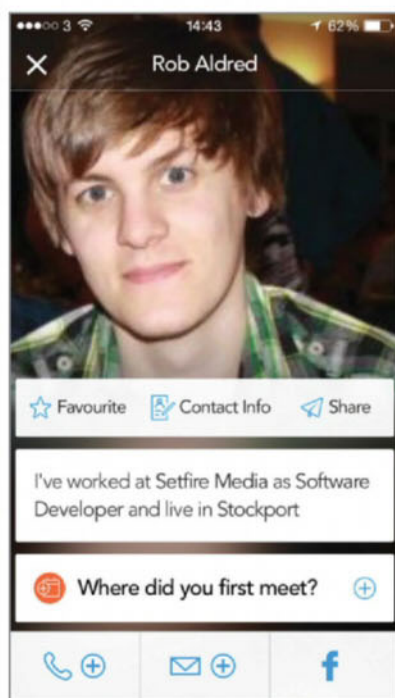
One of the best digital sketching apps, now on iPhone.

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 ● iPhone | iOS 8.1 | £1.99/\$3.79 | v1.01

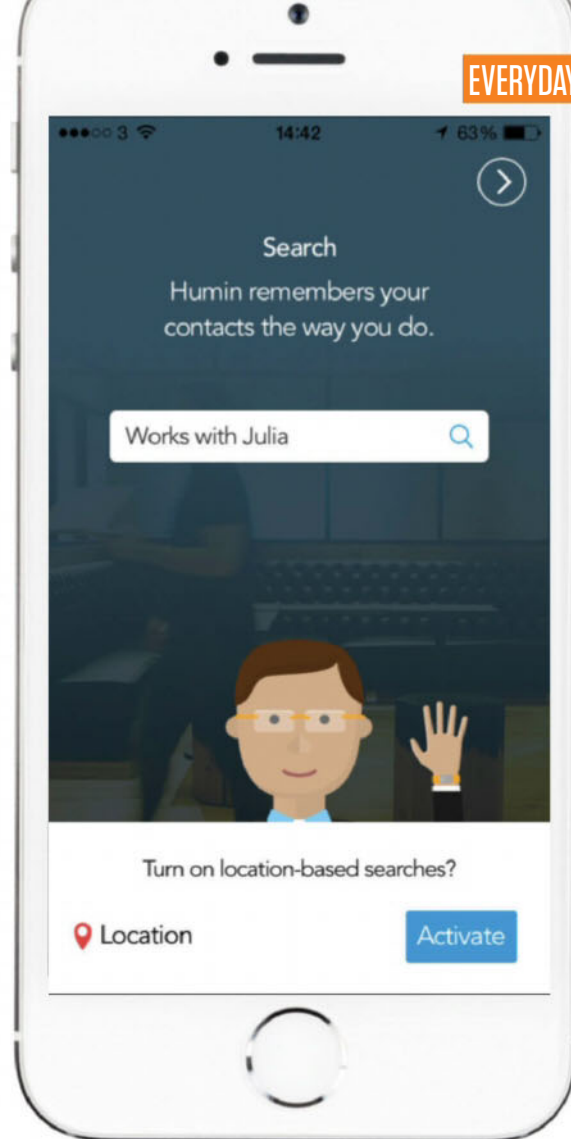




Above The links *Humin* makes between your contacts is one of the best features



Above You can edit contact information and merge contacts together



HUMIN

INTELLIGENTLY ORGANISE YOUR PHONE'S CONTACTS

PROS/CONS

- ▲ Smooth, intelligent contact management that works automatically
- ▲ Natural search is a great way of calling up contacts based on different criteria
- ▼ Needs good source data (e.g. from Facebook) in order to work well
- ▼ Has to fall back on default iOS apps for calling and messaging functions



Keeping all of your contact information up to date and easy to find is a challenge that many have taken on. *Humin* is the latest clever app to have a go – it wants to replace the default

Phone app on your iPhone with something that's more intelligent, more intuitive and more reliable.

It can scan in contacts from various sources, for a start, tapping into your existing contacts list, your Gmail, your Facebook account and your calendar for data. It then lets you run smart searches based on the information it has stored: which of your contacts are in town? Who is the colleague who works in accounts? How many contacts do you have who went to the same school as you?

In theory, *Humin* can answer natural search queries – such as “who did I meet last night?” – but of course it's dependent on the quality of the data it has in the first place. It can be a little hit and miss, particularly if you're not keen to give up the keys to your Facebook and Gmail accounts to let the app build up a picture of who you speak to most.

There are plenty of plus points, though. The interface is beautifully slick and responsive, the search tool is a revelation when it works, and the way it can order your contacts based on time, location and the frequency of past communications is really helpful.

When you need to actually make a call or send a message, *Humin* has to fall back on the default iOS apps – this is a little clunky (*Humin* says it's due to restrictions in iOS) but it worked well enough in our testing. There's lots of promise here – Apple, Google and Microsoft could take note – but you need to add all your other accounts and hope the data is up to date for it to live up to its potential.

Certainly an improvement over the default Phone app but it's not perfect.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.6

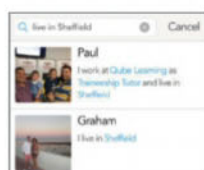
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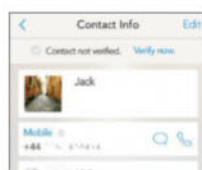
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HOW TO...

Make your contacts book much smarter using *Humin*



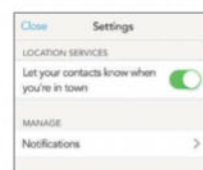
01 Smart searching
Run smart searches on your contacts like 'lives in London' or 'studied with Jim'.



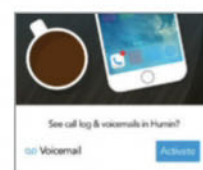
02 Verify contacts
Humin enables you to check contact information with the contacts themselves.



03 Quick adding
Add context – such as location or time – when you add new contacts to your phone.



04 Location services
If you and a friend use *Humin*, you can get alerts when you're near.



05 Better voicemail
Humin can manage your voicemail services for you, if you'd like it to.

OPINION – PODCAST RECORDER

RECORD AND EDIT YOUR VERY OWN PODCAST WITHOUT ANY TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW

PROS/CONS

- ▲ It is extremely easy to record and edit your audio
- ▲ Podcasts can be quickly shared to SoundCloud
- ▼ Better automatic titling of clips is needed here
- ▼ The free version has a ten minute limit



Podcasting has been around for more than ten years and still going, with true crime story Serial recently going onto become a global phenomenon, racking up 5 million downloads worldwide and even being syndicated by national radio stations, such as BBC Radio 4. If you'd like to produce your own podcast, but you're not sure how, *Opinion - Podcaster Recorder* makes it easy.

Available for free – as long as you don't mind limiting your podcasts to ten minutes, or for £2.99/\$4.99 if you want unlimited recording – *Opinion* is the most user-friendly audio suite we have ever used. You are able to record anything, and then edit and trim the result. You simply scroll your audio to the spot you wish to cut from and then select where you want it to end. A new chunk is then created which can be arranged using drag-and-drop.

It's an incredibly easy method that doesn't become bogged down with unwanted features, making the interface clean and fast. It is also versatile: music can be added from your iTunes library, for instance, and edited in the same way as any spoken audio. When you have completed the audio process, you can then share it,

sending the podcast via Message or Mail or – even better – publishing it to SoundCloud so that everyone can hear.

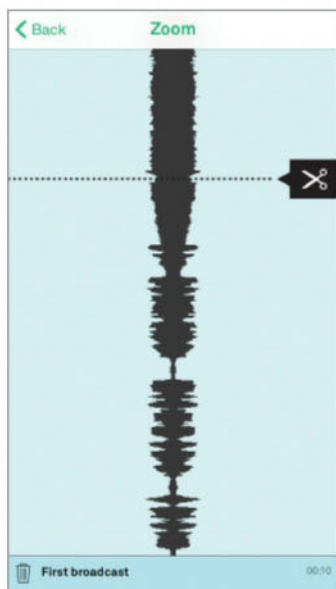
Some improvements could be made. While the recordings can be named, this isn't automatic. You have to zoom on a recorded clip, tap 'untitled' and then rename. More annoying, the total length of the audio is displayed at the bottom of the editing screen so you have to keep scrolling down to see it. Having it permanently on the screen would be a bonus.

And yet *Opinion* works so well in taking the brunt out of podcast creation, making recording, editing and sharing so simple that it can be done instantly.

With brilliant sound quality and fast, simple editing, *Opinion* may lead to an amateur podcast resurgence.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Freemium | v1.5.1
<http://bit.ly/opinionios>



Above When zooming, you are able to see and hear your audio and make any necessary cuts

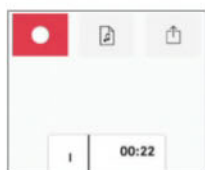


Above The icons at the top will allow you to bring in music from your iTunes library



HOW TO...

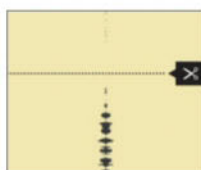
Use *Opinion*'s features to easily edit a single recording



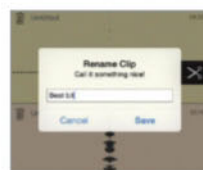
01 Start recording
 Tap the red button in the top left-hand corner and start talking. *Opinion* will record you.



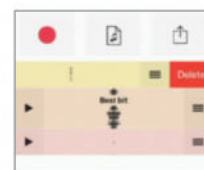
02 Edit recording
 You will see your recording. Tap the arrow to play or the waves to zoom in and edit.



03 Marking recording
 Scroll up and down until you find the beginning. Press the scissors.



04 Rename clip
 Mark the end of the clip in the same way and then tap Untitled. Rename the clip.



05 Delete excess
 Delete parts by selecting the unwanted bits, scrolling to the left and tapping Delete.

FIT BRAINS TRAINER

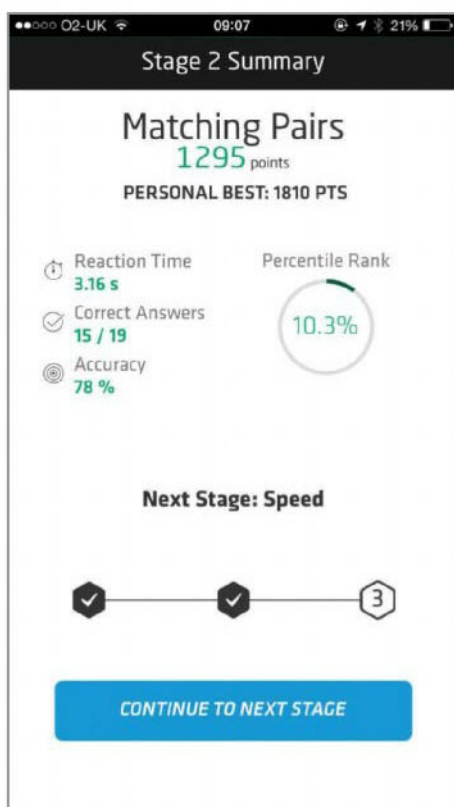
SHARPEN YOUR MIND WITH THIS SELF-IMPROVING APP



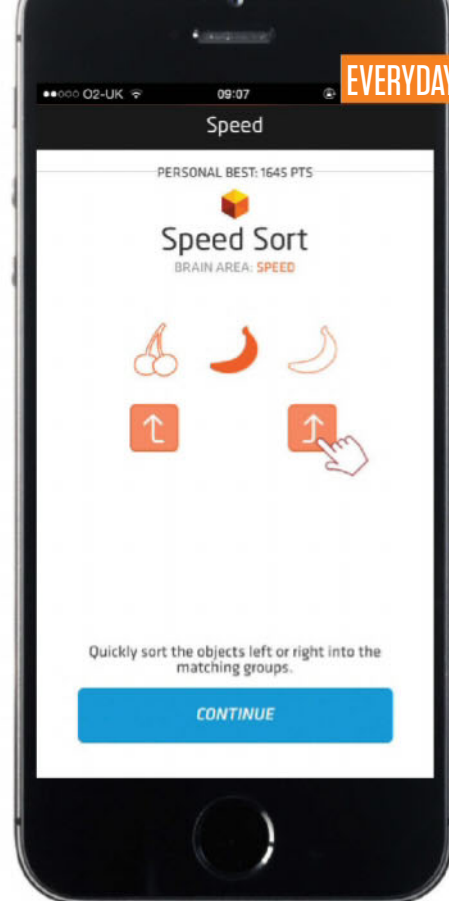
Back in 2005, Nintendo sold many DS handheld consoles on the back of a game called *Brain Age* (or *Brain Training* in the UK). The idea that games could be used to improve brain function was fascinating and one which Rosetta Stone – best known for its language learning software – is tapping into with this app.

We cannot say for sure whether it works. What we can say is *Fit Brains Trainer* is made up of a series of 12 challenging games, each of which became more complex and intense as you progress. They are, on the face of it, simple enough: match pairs, clear away fruit in a set order, note higher numbers, complete patterns and more as you rise from beginner to intermediate to advanced. Tasks are tailored for each individual player, with a survey at the start used to figure out the kind of person you are.

Poor explanations sometimes confuse what you're trying to do though, and you also find



Above There are 12 games in total to master yourself repeating the same tasks before you see something new. But the games are meant to be played once-a-day, around four times a week rather than in one mammoth session and you do feel yourself progressing with an increasing attention span, improving hand-eye coordination and speeding up reaction times.



Self-improvement is always attractive and with this app you can also have some fun.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.0**
<http://bit.ly/fitbrainsios>

● **Android | Varies | Free | Varies**
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GO – MEAL AND FITNESS TRACKER

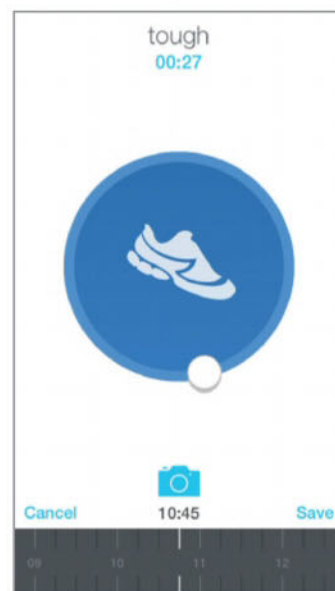
SEE A CLEAR REPRESENTATION OF YOUR DIET AND FITNESS



Some food and fitness apps track calories but, given the level of complexity involved, it is very easy to lose daily motivation. *Go* aims to change the way you log your lifestyle. You don't, as it says, need to track every calorie.

Instead, you start by inputting the times you wake up and go to bed before tapping a large circle in the centre of the screen to indicate a meal or some activity. Rather than list ingredients or detail whether you have run, swum or walked, you manipulate the circle, making it larger for more intense workouts or heavier dinners and smaller for a shorter bout of fitness or a light snack. This gives a general gist of your activity, plotted on a graph so that, over time, you can better see where you are going right – and, most likely, wrong.

This makes *Go* a very easy app to use but it also relies on approximation and guesses. Even though you can take photos of your meals, you're not getting a proper breakdown and while there is a coaching section built in for motivation, it's easily missed (and skipped). Register though and you can



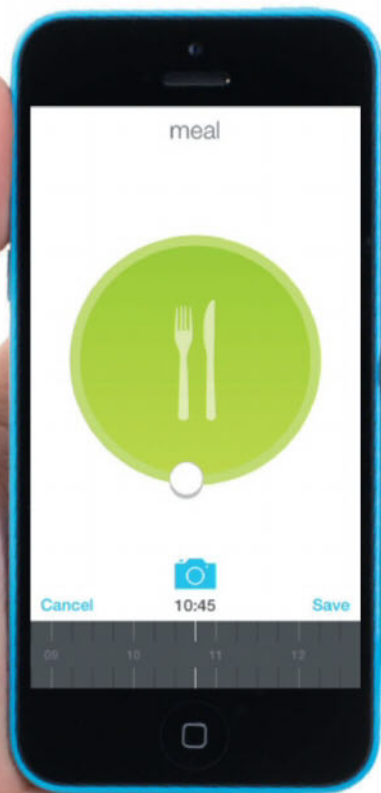
Left List your workouts by how intense they are

share your progress with friends and family via social media and save progress in the cloud.

***Go* is a slimmed down approach to keeping you healthy and trim but it is perhaps too basic for many.**

★★★★★

● **iPhone | iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0.4**
<http://bit.ly/gomealfitnessios>



SORTPAD



Above Pro subscribers can set up eight folders and then slide images into any one they chose

BRING ORDER TO YOUR CAMERA ROLL IN A FLASH

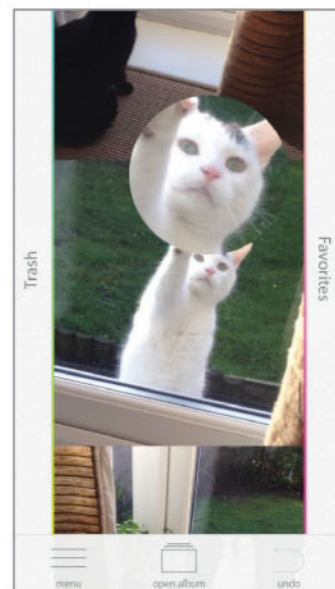


Most of us have dozens, if not hundreds, of photos on our phones and tablets and organising them can be painfully time-consuming.

Sortpad attempts to make the process rather more effortless by letting you press, hold, slide and drop your images into existing or new folders, each of which are dotted around the sides of the screen.

You can have up to eight folders on display if you are a Pro subscriber (two folders are on offer if you are not) and, as you scroll through your images you can swipe them into place or send them to the Trash. There is also an option to zoom in on photos but there are no editing functions. This app is simply for organisation to ensure that you do not become overwhelmed by your images.

To that end, you'd expect some of the back-end functions to be more intuitive. They are not. Getting to the screen to set up new folders can prove a bit fiddly and sometimes you start to move an image, change your mind by bringing it back into the central column and find it gets filed anyway.



Left There is a zoom option but don't expect a full editing suite. This is as advanced as it gets

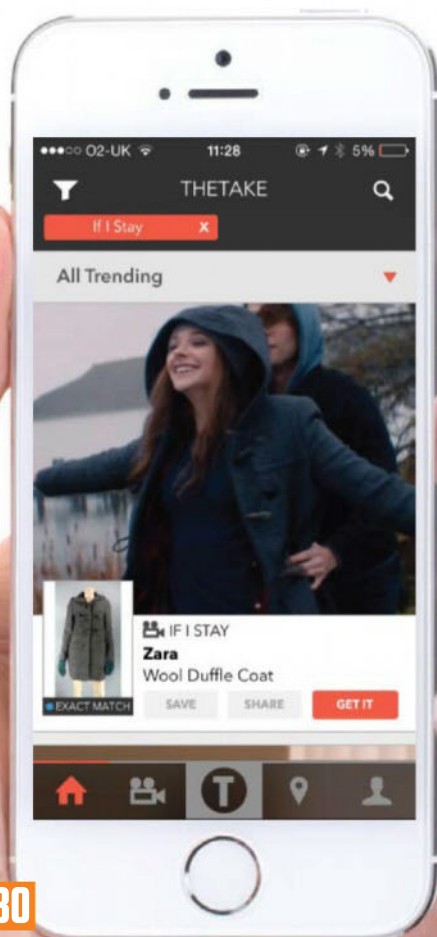
But it shows much promise. One of the most eye-catching options is the ability to place photos into Dropbox and while it has not been launched yet and will be for Pro subscribers only, at a cost of £1.49/\$1.99-a-year this will undoubtedly prove to be a major draw.

It's not perfect and some killer features are yet to come but *Sortpad* makes for speedy photo filing.

★★★★☆

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.1
<http://bit.ly/sortpadios>

THETAKE



The phrase 'as seen on TV' is a well-worn – some may say dubious – badge of honour for a product but there is no doubt that an item seen on a screen (large or small) can be more desirable. Meet *TheTake*, then, a free app that

not only lets you spot items in your favourite movies but identifies where you can buy them near your location.

The app is nothing if not versatile. You can filter by actor or film, or choose from a host of preselected movies. Even better, you can get your iOS device to listen to a currently playing movie. It tries to pick up on keywords and sounds in a bid to identify what you are watching before showcasing a range of goodies from it. As you may expect it doesn't always work but when it does, it's amazing.

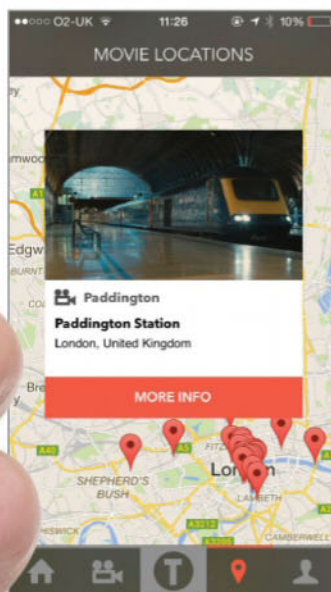
After finding an item you like, you can save or share it. If an exact match is not found, you'll be shown something similar, listing where you can buy it from and providing a Get It button that tells of its availability. Prices and stores are in the US but you should be able to locate them closer to home if you live outside America.

Movies can also be watched and there is a great section that uses GPS to search for movie locations near you. For movie buffs wanting to steal some style, it's a must-have app.

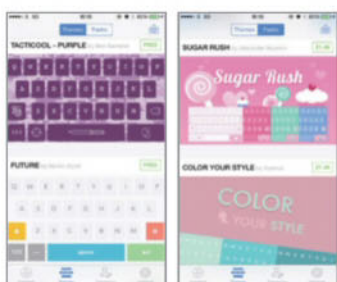
Even when you're chilling out watching a movie, there is no excuse to stop shopping thanks to *TheTake*.

★★★★☆

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v1.0
<http://bit.ly/thetakeios>



Above See locations near you that have been used in the movies



THEMEBOARD



Themeboard takes advantage of the new ability to use third-party keyboards

on iOS devices and presents a series of options that let you add some personality to your mobile data entry. The storefront is very simple and there is already a decent variety of keyboards available in a variety of colours. Perhaps most impressive is that the app concentrates on the basics perfectly while avoiding complexity at all costs.

Add some personality to your iOS keyboard using colourful third-party offerings.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0
| Freemium | v1.0



WEATHER OR NOT



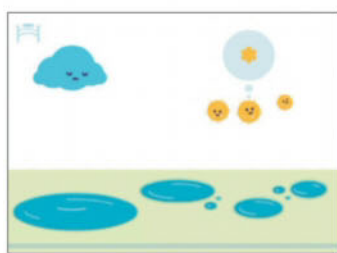
This app analyses your calendar entries and then offers a bespoke set of information

so you can see exactly what the weather will be like at certain times. The interface is sumptuous yet subtle and it makes for a useful tool that will be ideal in the hands of anyone who has many appointments where the weather can be an important factor. It may not suit everyone, but for those who need it this app could become one of their most-used as they go about their days.

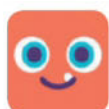
A clever app which will show you weather forecasts based on your calendar.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0
| £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0.0



LUMIKIDS PARK BY LUMOSITY



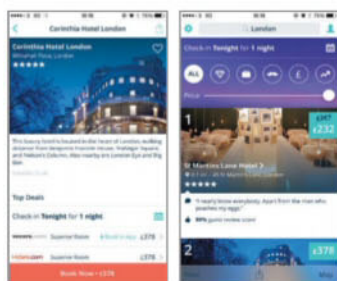
The way this children's app has been designed is clever because it offers

an interactive park for them to play in, but the actual game play is different from what you may expect. It has been designed completely with younger children in mind and they should require little instruction to get started. Potentially, this is an experience that your child will enjoy many times over with the added bonus that it is educational as well.

A fun and educational experience which younger children will enjoy immensely.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.6



TOP10 - HOTELS



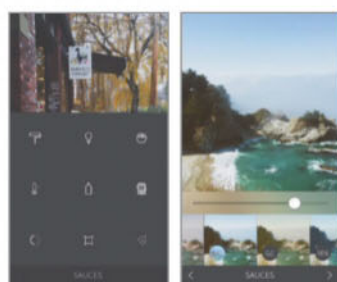
It can be confusing and time-consuming to use apps and services that are

designed to recommend places to stay, but this one attempts to make things more efficient by only offering the best 10 in a particular location. It is a highly professional setup and the results almost always look inviting, but you should be prepared to pay well for some locations. It is a solution that offers something new without markedly standing out and it does what it needs to very well.

A fairly decent hotel recommendation app which could save you lots of time.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.0.1



REBELSAUCE

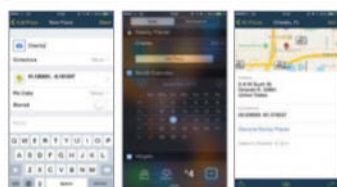


Rebelsauce is a photography app which lets you add special effects and

filters to your snaps which may sound like more of the same. However, in this case the focus is on making those filters as realistic and pleasing to the eye as possible and we found ourselves drastically improving many of our shots. The process is simple and the interface is clean so you shouldn't find it too difficult to get to grips with enhancing your favourite snaps. **One of the more professional photo effects apps we have seen in the past year.**

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 8.0
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.0.1



REGO - BOOKMARK YOUR FAVORITE PLACES



Rego is an excellent service for those who travel often and who need to bookmark

various locations. It can be made as personal or as functional as needed and every part of the app is designed to add flexibility to what is entered. The latest update includes a today widget for quicker access and full 1Password integration for added security. It is a great solution which just got a little better. Superb!



A brilliant app with nice new touches added into the mix.

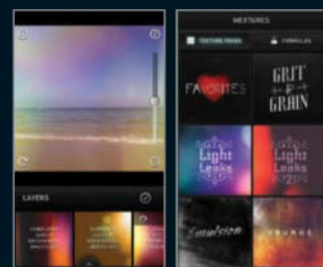
★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0
| £2.99/\$4.99 | v2.2



TOP 05
apps to...

PERFECT YOUR PHOTOS



01 MEXTURES



Because not every picture suits an *Instagram* filter, create your own tailor-made textures to apply to photos. You can also save your customized filters to reuse them later.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 6.1
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v2.0.3

02 FACETUNE FOR iPad



Bringing new meaning to 'touch up,' tap and swipe at your portraits to hide blemishes and whiten teeth. It's effortless to airbrush your photos into works of art.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 6.0 | £3.99/\$3.99 | v2.5.2

03 OVER



Add text to your pictures with *Over's* fantastic hand-drawn fonts. The app includes a diverse range of styles that you can adjust to match your photo.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v2.7.3
● Android | OS 4.0
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.1.6

04 ADOBE PHOTOSHOP TOUCH



The biggest name in photo editing, *Photoshop* for mobile includes pro adjustment tools, support images up to 12MP, and even includes step-by-step tutorials.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | £7.99/\$1.99 | v1.7.5
● Android | OS 3.1
| £6.99/\$9.99 | v1.5.1

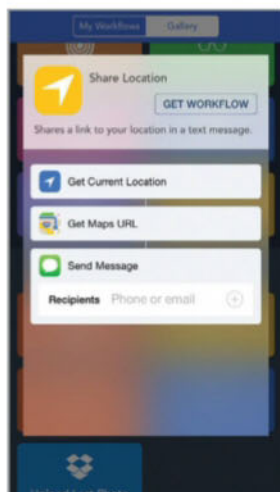
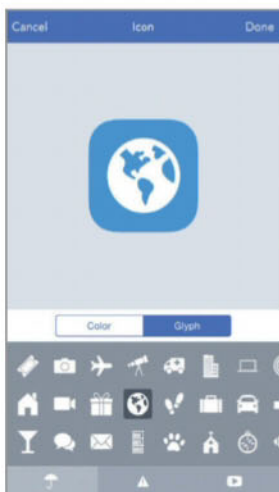
05 PICLAB HD



In addition to textures, text and general editing tools, *PicLabHD* boasts impressive artwork, ribbons and banners to guarantee you a Like on *Instagram*. A free Lite version is available on both iOS and Android.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.27



PROS/CONS

- ▲ Easy to follow, drag-and-drop interface
- ▲ Large gallery of example workflows
- ▼ Can be difficult to pick up initially
- ▼ Some workflows could be better documented

Left Each workflow is broken down into a series of customisable drag-and-drop stages



If you've ever used *IFTTT* web service or the phone app then you'll have some idea of where *Workflow* is coming from. If you haven't, here's a quick explainer: *Workflow* ties together different apps and actions on your iPhone or iPad and lets you automate processes that would otherwise take dozens of taps or complicated scripts to complete. Finished workflows can be pinned to your home screen and run on demand, as well as integrated into other apps as extensions.

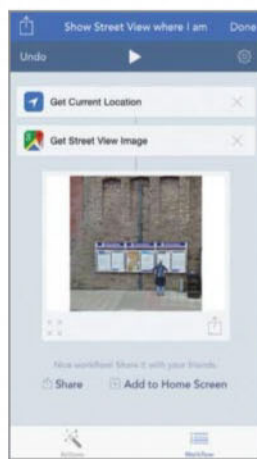
Make sense? Perhaps the best way of explaining *Workflow* is to give you some examples of what it can do. You can automatically turn three photos into a GIF and tweet the results; you can pull up lyrics for the song that's currently playing; you can get the travel time to home from your current location with a single tap; you can upload your most recent photo to *Dropbox*, or post it to *Instagram*, or send it to *Facebook*, and so on and so on. Part of the fun is experimenting with the app.

It's for people who want to become power users in the most intuitive way possible, and there's lots to like about *Workflow*: it's polished, it's smart, it lets you do more with your phone (or tablet) and the gallery of example workflows is a great way to get started with the app. If you enjoy tinkering around with your iDevice then you're going to find this is money well spent.

It's not perfect though, and it won't appeal to everyone. Even with the tutorial and galleries it isn't all too clear how different actions might fit together in your workflows. Make any mistakes and the drag-and-drop script you've put together will simply fail without so much as an error alert. Nevertheless, it's a largely impressive app, particularly in the way in which it integrates with iOS – contacts, maps, documents, music, photos and videos are all available to you. **An app that could genuinely change the way you use your phone or tablet.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0.1
<http://bit.ly/workflowios>



Left You can run workflows from within the app or launch them from the home screen

“Workflow is for people who want to become power users in the most intuitive way possible, and there's lots to like”

WORKFLOW

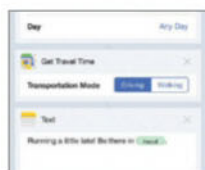
BECOME AN iOS POWER USER WITH A FEW SWIPES



Above The gallery is a great place to look for inspiration and to see what the app can do

SHOWCASE

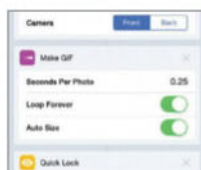
Five workflows to make you the master of your iDevice



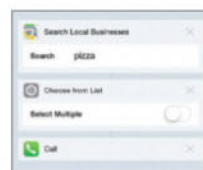
01 Running late
 Let important contacts know you're late for your next calendar appointment.



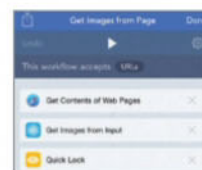
02 File downloader
 Automatically download the file at the URL currently stored in the iOS clipboard.



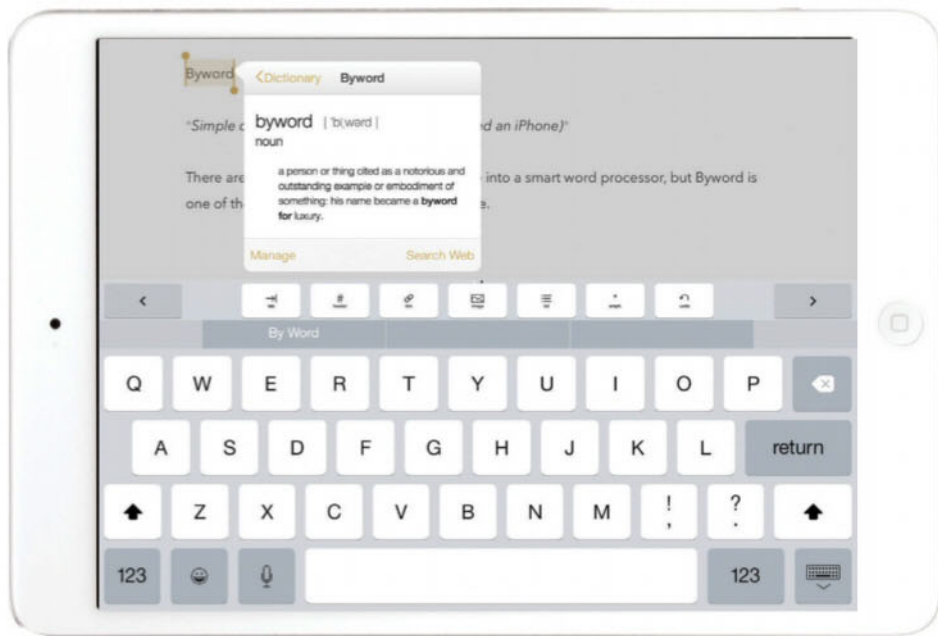
03 Make GIF
 Make a GIF from four photos taken by the camera and then preview it on screen.



04 Order pizza
 Show nearby pizza restaurants and then place a call to the one you select.



05 Get images
 An Action Extension to download all the images from the current page in Safari.



BYWORD

A SLICK WORD PROCESSOR WITH SUPPORT FOR MARKDOWN

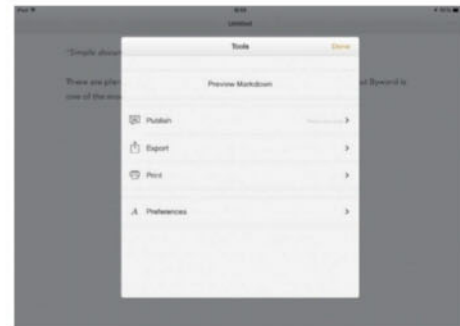
B There are several simple word-processing apps to choose from on iOS, and *Byword* is widely regarded as one of the best. It can sync documents via iCloud or Dropbox, if you want it to, and it includes built-in support for Markdown (a straightforward but effective way of applying basic formatting to text, in case you've never heard of it). You can drop images

into documents but otherwise layout options are limited.

Clean lines and a minimal aesthetic are the order of the day as far as the app's interface goes, but that said there are several appearance options to tweak font size, style and colour. The built-in iOS dictionary is available and there's a light mode or dark mode that you can switch between depending on

Left Text editing is a simple affair but it works well and the key features are available

Below There's support for iCloud and Dropbox syncing as well as local files



your mood or the time of day – these options, like everything in the app, are easy to access. A Mac version for your computer is also available.

Byword has become popular with Apple-focused bloggers for its clear interface, web publishing support (£2.99/\$4.99 extra), keyboard shortcuts (accessed via a keyboard attachment of course) and Markdown integration. If none of these features are very important to you, and all you need is unfussy text editing, you can find probably find a cheaper alternative elsewhere.

One of the best minimalistic writing apps, especially for Markdown fans.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v2.3.3
<http://bit.ly/bywordappios>

NEXT DEADLINE

KEEP ON TOP OF MULTIPLE PROJECTS MORE EASILY

>>> *Next Deadline* is a productivity app that's simple but effective. First, it lets you break up your projects into segments and assign each one a deadline date; once you've done that, it will tell you which task in which project needs doing next as you tick each one off. If you've got a number of different jobs to juggle it's ideal, but there's not all that much more to it.

You can manage up to four projects in the free version of *Next Deadline* or if you want

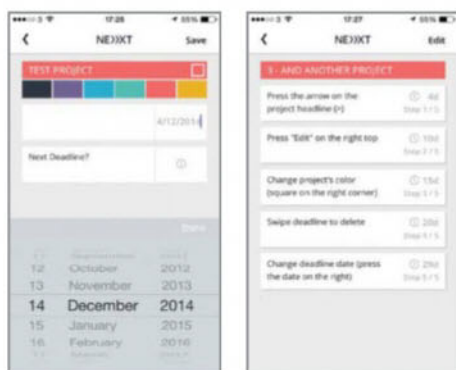
to pay the extra £1.49/\$1.99 you can remove the limit completely. It may not be packed with features but it's neatly and clearly designed, with just enough use of colour to help you find what you need on the overview screen. iCloud support is included too to sync projects across multiple iOS devices.

Some sample projects are included so you can get an idea of how it works, and entering new ones is straightforward. Browsing through your agenda or marking tasks as done is easily accomplished with a few deft swipes and taps, and the look and feel of the app is one of its strongest aspects. Some extra bells and whistles would be welcome but it's difficult to grumble over such a compact and useful app – the free version should give you enough flexibility to work out if the upgrade is going to be worth your while.

There's not much meat to *Next Deadline* but it does its job well.

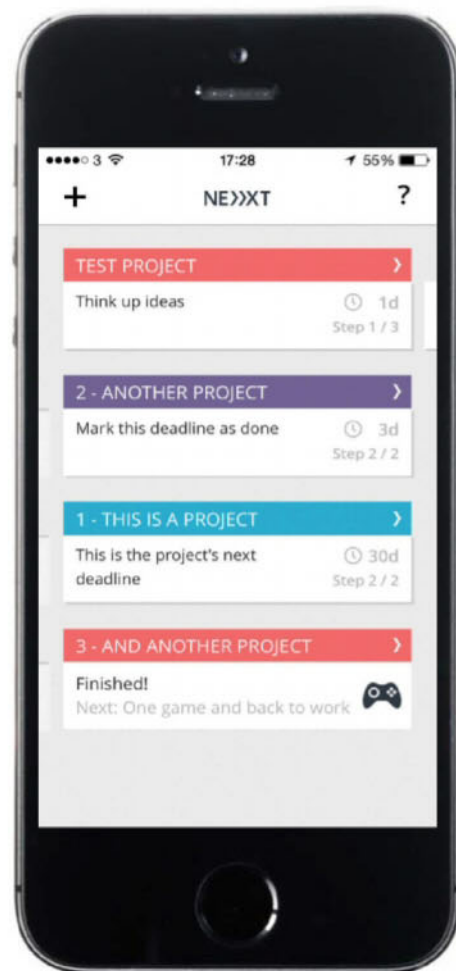
★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.3
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Above Six basic colours help you sort out your projects

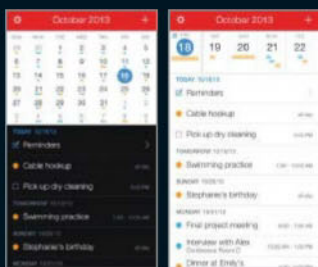
Above The sample projects act as instructive tutorials



Right The light-hearted messages that appear when you complete a project are a nice touch

TOP 05 apps to...

KEEP TRACK OF 2015



01 FANTASTICAL 2

Use this super-handly organisational app to view a split-screen of your events and monthly calendar, with integrated reminders and maps for event locations to ensure you never miss a beat.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v2.2.2

02 AWESOME CALENDAR

This detailed dairy application syncs with all iPhone-supported calendars to make sure you're up-to-date on all levels. You can save notes and photos, and it even includes a five-day forecast.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £4.99/\$6.99 | v5.0

03 AGENDA CALENDAR 4

A clean and uncluttered interface makes this calendar incredibly easy to read, with dots designating events for a concise approach to calendar design.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v4.2

04 WEEK CALENDAR

This app makes it extremely easy to rearrange dates. There's no messing about with cancelling and re-entering those constantly-changing appointments here, simply drag and drop your entries across the calendar. Beautifully easy.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1
| Freemium | v8.0.4
● Android | OS 2.3
| Freemium | v1.2.9.2

05 CALENDAR 5

For an extremely easy setup, just enter something like "Meet John at Starbucks on Sunday" and this app will create the event.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £4.99/\$6.99 | v5.6.2



PDF OFFICE



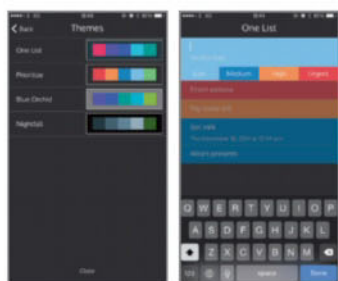
Editing PDFs has never been a task that is open to every app and this is particularly

true of mobile devices. *PDF Office* offers a solution that is highly professional and which will help you make adjustments when on the move. It is hard to criticise in any area, besides the occasional slow down, but we do wonder if the iPad is the perfect way to make such adjustments. For those times when you have nothing else, however, it is a worthy solution.

A capable PDF editor which will prove itself when you are in a serious hurry.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.0



ONE LIST



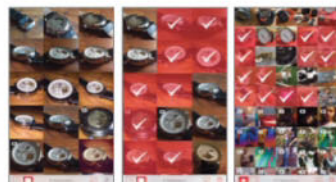
One List is a little different from the myriad of To-Do apps that dominate the

productivity section of the App Store because it gives you only 'one list' to work with. You can add a new task by swiping down and then by adding a priority and that is it. All of your items will be displayed in order of urgency and everything you need will be visible immediately. Oddly, the constraints in the app are what make it work so well and you'll benefit from it.



A strangely simple task manager which works excellently.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v1.1



BULK DELETE - CLEAN UP YOUR CAMERA ROLL



Bulk Delete is designed to help you delete multiple photos from your camera roll

as efficiently as possible. There are multiple views, one of which presents many more photos at one time than the standard view, and also the ability to delete photos depending on when they were taken. It works well and will prove to be useful, but for most people we suspect that the standard Photos app will be adequate.

A useful utility for those who take many photos each day on their phone or tablet.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.0



SNIPBOARD



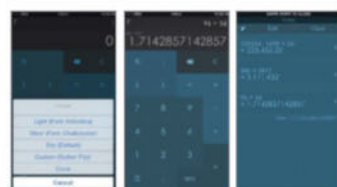
With so many third-party keyboards already available for iPhones and iPads,

it can be confusing as to which ones are the most useful. Here, however, we have a solution that lets you create often-used text as snippets at which point you can then insert them into any other app with one tap. It is very basic and could perhaps offer a couple of extra features, but for many people this will prove to be a useful tool that can be used very effectively every single day.

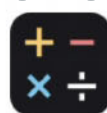
A simple keyboard which lets you insert often-used phrases. It works quite well.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.0



CALC - SMART SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR



There are app calculators that are capable of complex math, others that are

simple and quick to use and even more that allow you to customise the interface on every level. *CALC* attempts to combine all of these elements and does an effective job in almost every area. Simple gestures are used to access advanced functions and you only need to tap the '=' key to store your calculations.



Complex calculations combine with an intuitive interface.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v3.3.3

OMNISTAT



Omnistat is able to offer you a view of many processes that occur on your iOS

device throughout the day. From simple info such as the device model to more detailed stats showing RAM and CPU usage, a lot of data is available here. Our main concern with the app, however, is that the restricted nature of iOS means that you cannot do a lot with the data on offer, however it may be useful to analyse new problems for certain people.

All of the iOS stats you could require, but do you really need to see them all?

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0.2

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FANTASTIC THRILLERS

GAMES GUARANTEED TO GET YOU TO THE EDGE OF YOUR SEAT

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Try to picture someone looking at you from a window. Who is it?

- a. A friend
- b. A stranger
- c. Yourself

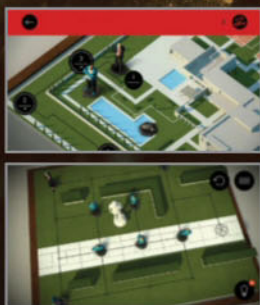
DEVICE 6

Device 6 isn't an easy game to sum up: a surreal, text-based puzzle adventure would be one way to try and describe it, but to get the true measure of the game you really need to experience it for yourself (You could also lay down Simogo's other game *Year Walk*). The game is stylish, confident and suspenseful and rightfully picked up a pile of well-deserved awards last year.

Apps
★★★★★
FIVESTAR
AWARD

An absorbing game that will stay in your mind long after you've finished it.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1 |
£2.49/\$3.99

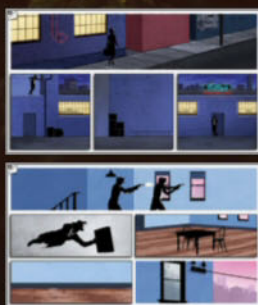


HITMAN GO

The stealth-based series of *Hitman* games are well known, but what *Hitman Go* does so well is adapt the tried-and-tested format for small screens, turning each of the levels into a high-stakes board game. The action is slow but engrossing, and it's a worthy addition to the *Hitman* franchise. Different challenges and achievements add to the game's replayability too.

A moody and intense *Hitman* experience that's well adapted for the mobile screen format.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| £0.99/\$0.99
● Android | OS 2.3.3
| £0.99/\$0.99



FRAMED

Like *The Wolf Among Us*, this is a comic book-inspired thriller, but *Framed* uses a unique gameplay mechanic that lets you become master of the narrative and change the ultimate outcome by rearranging the panels of the story. The artwork is truly fantastic, the jazz score keeps you engaged and if you're a fan of anything remotely Hitchcockian then you're guaranteed to get a great kick out of this one.

A genuinely new approach to a game that's a lot of fun to work through.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £2.99/\$4.99



RÉPUBLIQUE

Everything about *République* feels of the highest quality, from the one-touch stealth actions to the console-like graphics on show. Packed with puzzles, challenges and warnings over the dangers of government surveillance, it's a gripping ride – it's just a shame that it costs so much to pick up all the content (£10.49/\$14.99 for all the episodes). High prices aside, this is a top-quality thriller game which deserves the accolades that it has received.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £1.99/\$2.99
● Android | OS 4.0
| £0.69/\$0.99



THE WOLF AMONG US

A cross between a comic book, a film noir and an adventure game, *The Wolf Among Us* is an intense and at times violent thriller that will keep you coming back for more. Only the first episode is free but should be enough to draw you into this world of hard-edged foul-mouthed fairy tale characters living in New York.

An amazingly imaginative story and gorgeously dark visuals make this a truly standout thriller game.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium
● Android | OS 2.3.3
| Freemium

GAME OF THRONES

GAME OF THRONES INVADDES iOS, BUT DOES THE HBO MAGIC TRANSLATE?

PROS/CONS

- ▲ Very faithful to the HBO TV show
- ▲ Shocking cliffhanger makes us desperate for more
- ▼ IAP to get the next episodes inside the app could mislead
- ▼ Sadly it's riddled with bugs and frame rate problems



How committed are you to HBO's *Game Of Thrones* TV mythos? Picking up at the infamous 'red wedding' from Season Three, *The Walking Dead* and *The Wolf Among Us* developer Telltale Games has constructed a delicate love letter to fans of the popular TV series.

Episode one of six - 'Iron From Ice' - is the very definition of a slow burn. Telltale takes its time introducing the

Below Designed for fans of the HBO show, fans of the books or causal observers will be lost in the plot

conflicts of Westeros, various major players, and House Forrester - the noble craftsmen you embody throughout the 90-minute episode. It was always going to be tough for Telltale to depict a corner of the universe without stepping on the show's shoes, but by introducing a House that's received barely a passing mention thus far gives the studio the scope to experiment with characters and situations.

Game Of Thrones follows Telltale's established point-and-click adventure structure. Most of the action with any immediate consequence plays out in Quick-Time Events, though the real fun comes from surviving conversations. You'll spend time talking with characters and manoeuvring through political situations, and what you say will often impact how the story unfolds in future episodes. Being that this is only episode one, it's difficult to see where the story will head or what consequences our actions will have. But, this is a slow burn and the show isn't any different.

Game Of Thrones has clearly been designed with console players in mind, so expect to see a few issues. The touch controls work perfectly for the most part, though on rare occasions they can be a bit of a twitchy drag. Like every other Telltale release, we also ran into a couple of performance issues: the frame rate in particular had a tendency to bottom out, even on an iPhone 6 and 6 Plus.

A decent start to what will no doubt be a great story, but expect a few technical hiccups.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.1

<http://bit.ly/gottelltaleios>

● Android | OS 2.3.3 | £3.20/\$4.99 | Varies

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Above Expect to see plenty of familiar faces from the TV show

ALTERNATIVELY

Here are five other Telltale games worth checking out

01 BACK TO THE FUTURE: THE GAME



Telltale took on the mighty *Back To The Future* game franchise and, well, it was okay. A fun distraction, but to be honest, you're probably better off watching all of the movies again.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | Freemium | v1.4

02 THE WALKING DEAD: THE GAME



This is the game that made Telltale huge. It is a truly stunning adaptation of incredible *The Walking Dead* universe, and is an absolute must play for everybody!

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Freemium | v1.7

03 THE WALKING DEAD: THE GAME - SEASON 2



Season Two of *The Walking Dead* is a little heavier with the horror and gore, but it's still fantastic. If you're up to the challenge then you're guaranteed not to regret it.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v1.2

04 THE WOLF AMONG US



An adaptation of the Fables graphic novel, *The Wolf Among Us* is a game that sees you stalking through the gritty underbelly of New York City, helping out a group of exiled fairytale creatures.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v1.2

05 TALES FROM THE BORDERLANDS



Based on Gearbox's *Borderlands* series, it's still too early to tell. Like *Game Of Thrones*, the first episode is recently released. Seems rather fun though.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.0

XCOM: ENEMY WITHIN

IT'S NO FUN BEING AN ILLEGAL ALIEN IN THIS SMART SEQUEL

PROS/CONS

- ▲ New mechanics change the pace for the better
- ▲ It's still a great-looking game
- ▼ Price point versus new content hits a bad ratio
- ▼ Riddled with glitches and occasional frustrating controls



XCOM: Enemy Within is basically the same core package as 2013's *Enemy Unknown*, albeit with a few new features, enemies and mechanics.

Retailing at the price of a full new game is a little crass, we feel, but worth it for players that haven't played the prequel. If you have, stay away - this could all easily have been introduced in a patch or with IAPs.

Aliens have invaded Earth and it's your job to smoke them out. In doing so, you'll enter some gorgeously crafted isometric levels, and have to micro-manage resources while keeping troops alive if you ever want to advance.

Enemy Within, like *Unknown* before it, is devastatingly brutal - the game features a mechanic called 'permadeath': if a character dies, it's gone. That useless Private is as disposable as your most lethal Sniper. You have to think five steps ahead *at all times* to finish the game with a full roster.

Enemy Within brings a new resource called Meld to its micro-management system. Meld allows you to choose between cybernetically upgrading your soldiers, giving them

better hit rates, invisibility or better jumps, or crafting MEC exoskeletons for your troops.

Between the new resource (which appears in-battle, making you push forward to collect it) and a couple of new enemy types, *Enemy Within* changes up the pace of *XCOM*, making it more punchy and gripping. This, in turn, actually *ups* the tension - being so risky when hunting for Meld kept us nervous, thinking any rash move could be a fatal one.

The original game could get bogged down in tactical meandering, and *Enemy Within* addresses that with ease; it's just a shame some of the graphical and aural bugs managed to make it into this full-price expansion, too.

Brutal and tense, but glitches and its release as a full-price expansion lets the whole thing down.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £8.99/\$12.99 | v1.1.0

<http://bit.ly/xcomenemywithios>

● Android | OS 4.0 | £10.90/\$12.99 | v1.2.0

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"Aliens have invaded Earth and it's your job to smoke them out"

Below The neon UI offset against the earthy palette of the main game really shows the strengths of the Retina display



Above Once you understand all the different briefing and menu screens, it's clear sailing

ALTERNATIVELY

Five more hardcore strategy games...

01 CIVILIZATION REVOLUTION 2



Revolution 2 is a streamlined version of the PC *Civilization* games, but loses none of its appeal by going small. It's colourful, educational fun.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
| £10.99/\$14.99
| v1.4.0

02 ANOMALY DEFENDERS



There's rather a lot of fluff to be found on the App Store's tower defense market, however *Anomaly Defenders* is difficult and unique enough to stand out.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0
| £3.99/\$4.99
| v1.0.2

03 THE WORLD ENDS WITH YOU



From the company that brought the world the *Final Fantasy* series, this is an RPG that contends with the triple-A console fare. Expensive but worth it.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3
| £13.49/\$17.99
| v1.2.0

04 DEUS EX: THE FALL



We use 'strategy' loosely with this game - it can also be played fully action, fully stealth or fully RPG, or a mix of any of the above, providing incredible replayability.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0
| £4.99/\$6.99
| v1.0.5

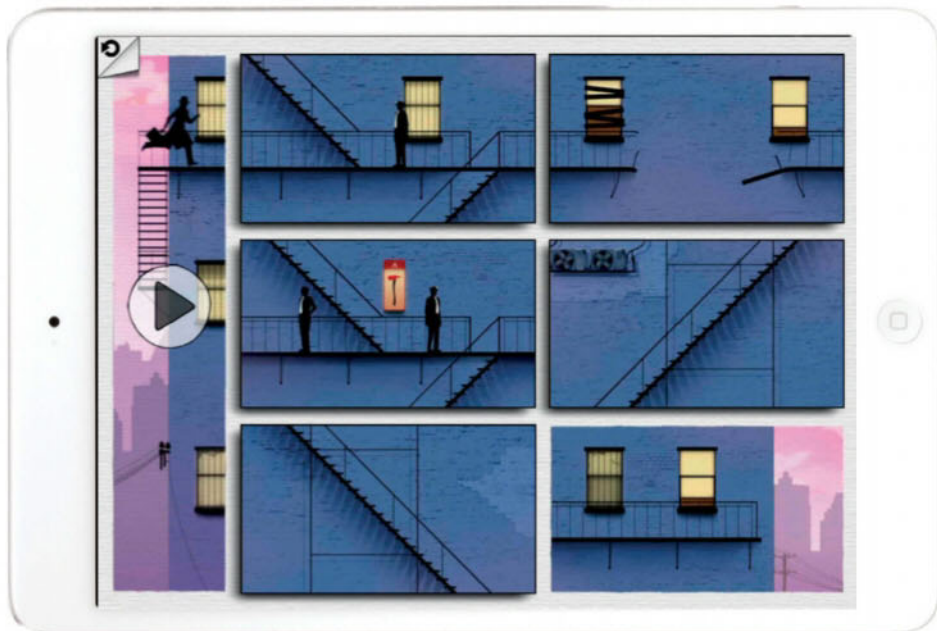
05 HEARTHSTONE



Arguably the best card game available on iOS, *Hearthstone* offers up addictive, deceptively simple gameplay and the best part is that you can play it forever without paying a penny.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0
| Free | v2.0.7283



FRAMED

COMIC RELIEF



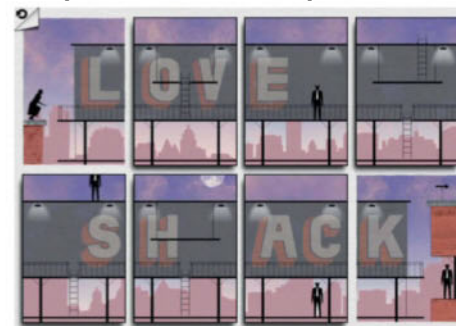
There's a special place in our hearts reserved for nonverbal games. To communicate mechanics and story without getting bogged down in text requires a special kind of skill, and it's one you don't see very often. *Framed* plays like nothing else we've ever experienced, yet makes you feel like you instantly understand what's going on. It's incredibly clever.

The central conceit sees you rearranging and revolving the frames of a noir-style comic so that your erstwhile protagonist(s) can reach the end of each page without getting caught or dying in some terribly miserable fashion. The path forward can largely be figured out by observing visual clues in the panels themselves, but a large proportion of the game comes down to simple use of trial and error. It's not frustrating though – in fact, we intentionally wrong paths just to see how it affected the sequence. It's a choose-your-own-adventure, repurposed for iOS.

The game is inventive, full of imagination and accessible to all audiences. The story

Left The game's use of touchscreen is admirable – everything can be done with small swipes. It never over-complicates anything

Below Later levels require you to use the same panel twice, making you drag an already used panel further into the sequence



is basic and functional as a frame for the impressive mechanics, but unfortunately the whole experience comes in at just over 40 scenes – which go surprisingly quickly once you've cottoned on to how the game makes you think! Its brevity is understandable however – it must be difficult to compose so many panel-based puzzles – and it definitely left us wanting more.



We want to see more games like this; it could be a whole new format for digital storytelling.



● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.0
<http://bit.ly/framedios>

LARA CROFT AND THE GUARDIAN OF LIGHT

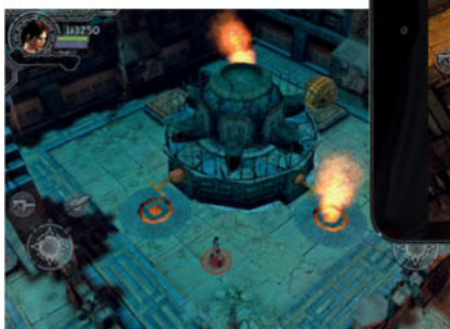
IT'S TOMB RAIDER, BUT NOT THE ONE YOU REMEMBER



Lara Croft is just as synonymous with platform gaming as her parent franchise, *Tomb Raider*, and it's nice to see Square Enix embrace her action-adventure heritage on the iPad, working with veteran developer Ideaworks to bring Lara's life to mobile.

Guardian of Light is, at its most basic, a twin stick shooter. Move Lara with the left stick, shoot with the right, and small buttons above allow you to switch weapons, jump or lay down mines. Without any physical feedback or resistance from the on-screen controls, some sections of the game get frustrating. That aside, Lara handles superbly – she's responsive and well-animated, as agile and athletic as you'd expect a seasoned spelunker to be.

The game shines in co-op play, though – pair up via Bluetooth or connect to the Game Centre and you can play through all ten levels together. The game seems designed around this – progression is more rhythmic and combat more satisfying when playing in tandem.

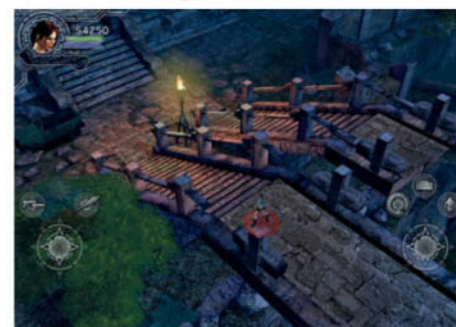


Compounded with stellar level design, some tricky bosses and a wealth of optional puzzles, *Guardian of Light* is only occasionally let down by glitches, which you can forgive considering how good the game looks most of the time.

You'll enjoy it more if you can play co-op – a surprisingly deep action-platformer with impressive 3D puzzling.



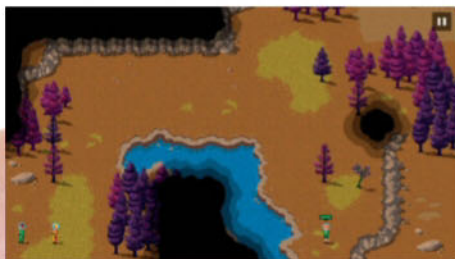
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v2.0.1
<http://bit.ly/tombraiderguardlios>



Above Even within imposing stone walls, the warm firelight keeps it visually interesting

SPACE AGE: A COSMIC ADVENTURE

TO INFINITY AND BEYOND - OR 1976 AT LEAST



Inspired by the point-and-click adventure games of the 1990s, *Space Age* invokes a lot of memories in gamers of a certain age. Yet the game's endearing top-down pixel-art styling – courtesy of developer Matt Comi and designer Neven Mrgan – is merely a distraction for what is a compelling mix of clever puzzles and action, set in what it supposed to be the futuristic world of 1976.

Unashamedly self-aware, the game takes place on an alien planet called Kepler-16. The world unfolds bit by

bit as you explore it either as Private or one of the other characters (you always end up playing more than one). You learn much about them thanks to the fantastic dialogue and your emotions stir as the amazing sound track pumps out in the background.

It is refreshing to see the game concentrate so much on gameplay rather than on scores and social media. The short levels are packed with intrigue and complexity; all manner of varying conundrums that must be solved before you can move on. Some require stealth, other a spot of fighting. This keeps you on your toes.

Even so, it's not perfect. The tiny characters don't always move where you want them to and it can feel painfully slow-paced. But the

sharp script more than makes up for any such shortcomings.

An old-school gem that combines humour and a great script with the 8-bit look of games gone by.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free | v1.0

<http://bit.ly/spaceageios>

Left As you move around the screen, more of the planet will reveal itself to you



TREASURE RUN!

ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET... RUN AND RUN



Runners have become a staple gaming favourite and *Treasure Run!* is a fine example of just how fun this popular genre can really

be. Boasting some cute, cartoon graphics, a host of addictive collectibles and a variety of enemies, this game sometimes skirts with boredom and yet somehow manages to pull itself back from the brink, powering the player

forward and generating that crucial one-more-go feeling.

It's a highly polished game in which you are forever dashing forward, tapping the screen to jump, double-tapping to double jump and killing enemies by bouncing on their heads. The aim is to collect treasures and go as far as you can, taking advantage of well-placed goodies such as the golden lion – a feature that



Above Run and jump, collect items and kill the enemies, to achieve the highest score possible

turns all coins into gold – and speed increases. The excellent level designs ensures these are always in the right places.

Fall down a void and it is game over but keep going and you rack up a great score supplemented by bonuses, earning enough gold to buy power-ups in the shop and benefit from all manner of fresh abilities.

Gold can be purchased using gems, a handful of which will set you back 69p/99c in real money with a chest costing as much as £34.99/\$49.99. You don't have to buy in-app purchases but to get the most out of the game you invariably, unfortunately, will – speeding up upgrades and running further than ever before. **Totally addictive and rewarding for the accomplished, *Treasure Run!* may eat some cash but it will test your reflexes.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.3

<http://bit.ly/treasureunios>



Above There are bonus rounds which will help when competing on Game Center leaderboards



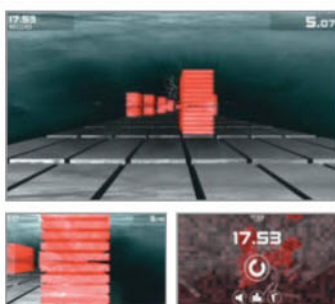
CANDY CRUSH SODA SAGA

The latest episode in the hugely popular *Candy Crush* series is here and this time it comes with plenty of new combinations to try out and lots of new candies. It is in effect a slightly enhanced version of what came before, but matching up those candies is as addictive as it always has been and the temptation to spend real money remains close to the surface all of the time.

A logical update to *Candy Crush* which feels both fresh and familiar at the same time.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0
| Freemium | v1.33.24
● Android | OS 2.3
| Freemium | v1.33.24



STORM RUSH

Storm Rush is not a game that you can play while doing something else. Your objective is to avoid all of the obstacles as you are propelled along the track at a pace that is hard to cope with at first. You will need concentration, the ability to react quickly and also be able to cope with the frustration as you inevitably fail over and over again. It is one of the best games of its type, but it's not easy.

A visually stunning game which will require all of your skill in order to succeed.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0.2



PEGGLE BLAST

Peggle is back and this time in freemium form which you may view as a good or bad thing. The mechanics of the game are as addictive and thoughtful to play as ever and there is a lot of variety included. Simply hit the right coloured pegs with a ball to progress, but be prepared to pay on later levels in order to go further. It can get somewhat expensive over time.

A very good game to play, but with a fairly aggressive in-app pricing structure.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v2.0.0
● Android | OS 4.0.3
| Freemium | v2.0.1



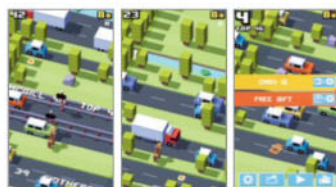
FULL AHEAD!

There is little doubt that the idea of virtually throwing your phone to toss a ball into a hole is a novel approach and when you first play this game, it feels as natural as you could hope for. The goal is to progress through multiple levels which increase in difficulty and it works well, but you should be prepared for some frustration and perhaps a little monotony. It is a positive experience, but we feel that it needs more variety throughout.

A highly innovate control method lifts this game, but it needs more variety.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0
| 0.69/\$0.99 | v1.0.0



CROSSY ROAD



A full thirty-three years after the original *Frogger* game was launched, we

now have an awesome alternative which manages to keep the retro charm of the original game fully in place, all the while using clever techniques to ensure a unique environment. Your moves through the busy traffic, train lines and rivers are chunked, but the movement of the environment is super smooth and when you do get hit, the result is a charmingly playful animation which never feels cruel. A truly addictive treasure of a game.



A brilliant recreation of a classic which works perfectly.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v1.0.3



BEAN DREAMS



It would be lazy and unoriginal to describe this game as the re-birth of the legendary

Super Mario, but we are happy to be lazy if it is true. Seriously, this is a stunning platformer with so many amusing and interesting attributes that it feels like a classic already. The price is fair, the controls are close to perfect and the design is stunning. If you are a fan of platform games, you really do need to try this one now!



A brilliant platformer to take you back to gaming golden days.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3
| £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0



TOP 05
apps to...

CREATE YOUR OWN WORLD



01 MINECRAFT – POCKET EDITION

Build a world out of blocks by yourself or with friends using local Wi-Fi.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0
| £4.99/\$6.99 | v0.7.5
● Android | Varies
| £4.99/\$6.99 | Varies

02 TERRARIA

Chop wood, dig holes, build houses and enjoy interaction with every aspect of this gigantic 16bit world.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.1
| £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.2
● Android | OS 2.3
| £3.14/\$4.99 | v1.02

03 MEGACITY HD

More a puzzle than an open world, arrange buildings in a set order to earn more land and create a sprawling metropolis.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.80
● Android | OS 2.2
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.81

04 DUNGEON VILLAGE

Create a thriving medieval village by defeating monsters and raiding dungeons.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 3.2
| £2.49/\$3.99 | v1.0.1
● Android | OS 1.6
| £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.7

05 POCKET GOD

Exercise omnipotent power over an island of pygmies – but will you be good or evil?

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.47
● Android | OS 2.0
| £0.62/\$0.99 | v1.4.1

ENJOY 21ST CENTURY EMAIL WITH GOOGLE INBOX

» Get to grips with Google's new vision for email – an inbox that works with you to automatically sort and filter messages

Google has said that its new *Inbox* app complements Gmail rather than replacing it, but this is undoubtedly the way it envisions email working in the years to come: messages magically filtered, snoozed and sorted so you can focus on the most crucial ones. It goes further than the features in Gmail (like auto-filtering and marking messages as 'important') in an attempt to cut through the flotsam that clogs up most of our inboxes.

At first glance, *Google Inbox* can be unnerving, and you might wonder just where all your emails have got to – worry not though, because you'll soon get used to it. If you're used to the Gmail web interface or the standard *Gmail* app, you may need to learn some new terminology, but most actions in one app have an equivalent in the other (marking a message as Done is the same as archiving it). Google wants its new *Inbox* app to be as simple and intuitive to use as possible, so once you've found your way around you should be powering through your messages like never before – and that's where this tutorial comes in.

We'll show you the key actions and tools you need to get to grips with what *Inbox* has to offer – how you can dismiss and snooze emails to a later time with a flick of the finger, how you can bundle low priority messages together and only view them once a day, how you can pin reminders to the top of your list of emails, and so on. After you've worked your way through the tips below you should be well on your way to getting on top of your messy inbox – you might even find that email becomes useful again.

» THE GOOGLE INBOX INTERFACE

> Supercharged Gmail for your smartphone

Pinned items

The toggle switch at the top of the *Inbox* interface lets you see reminders and email messages that you've pinned to come back to later.

Bundles

Some messages categories (such as social media updates) are bundled for convenience and you can create your own bundles if required.

File previews

Certain types of files (like images, videos, PDFs and others) are previewed as thumbnails for easy access within a conversation thread.

Messages

Incoming emails are much more clearly sorted based on date and content, and you can swipe in either direction to deal with them quickly.

About the app...

INBOX BY GOOGLE

The email app that does the hard work for you

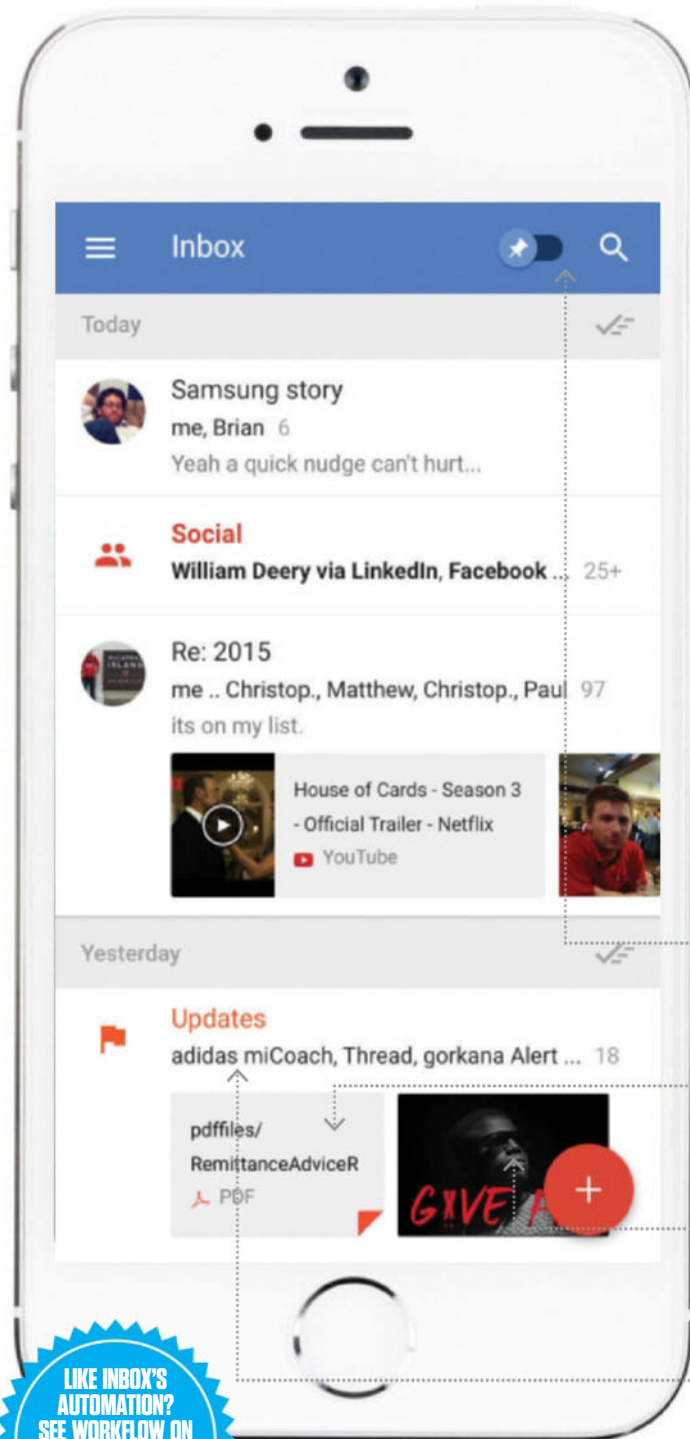
● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.1
● Android | iOS 4.1 | Free | Varies



Google is trumpeting *Inbox* as a brave new approach to email. It's packed with automatic filters and shortcuts, and so it can be a little bit disorientating at first, but this is designed to make it easier to use and keep the most important messages front and centre within the app. It plugs into Gmail and can be used alongside the traditional apps, and there's also a web interface that duplicates all of the features found in the iOS and Android apps.

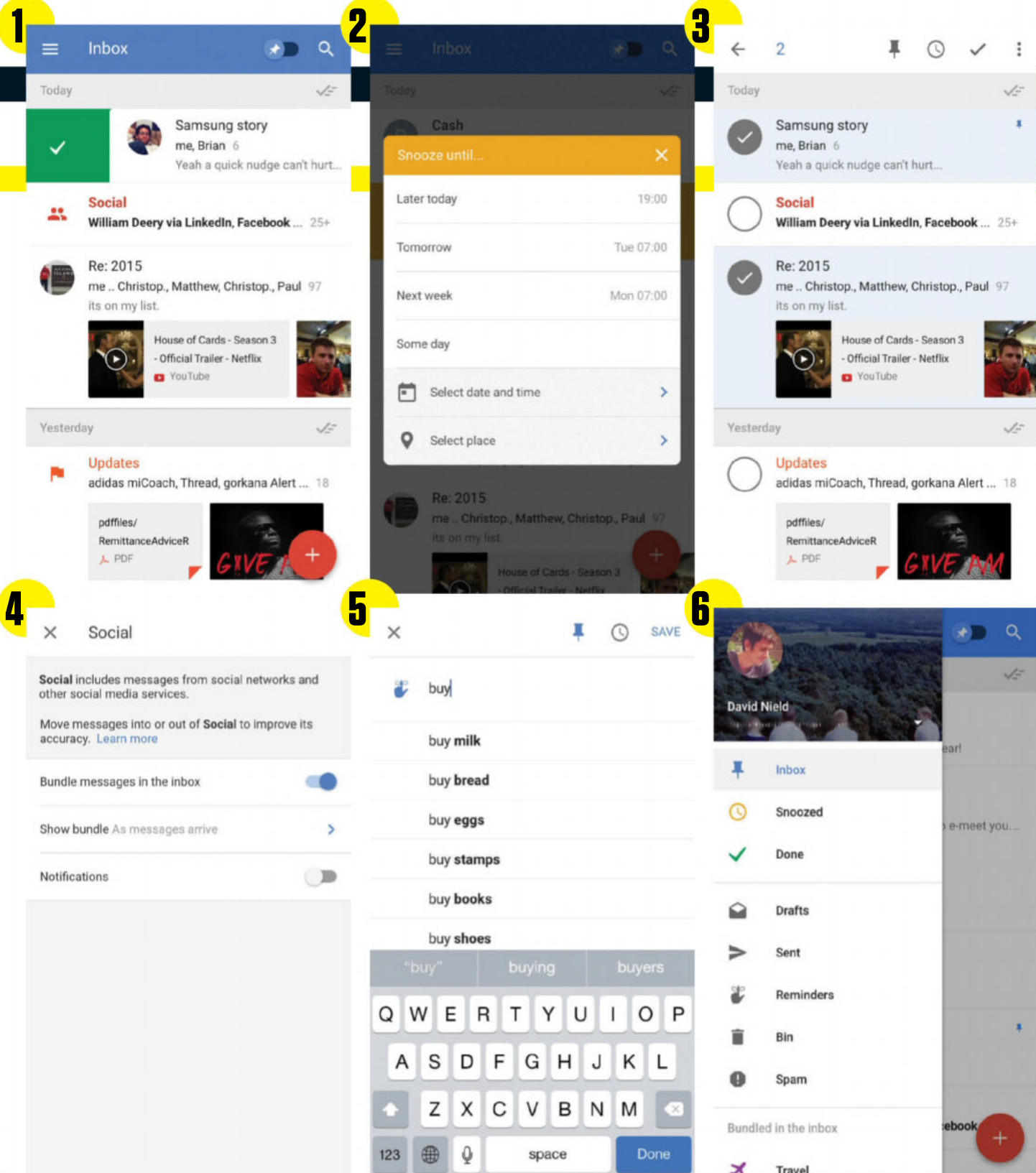
Tackle your inbox head-on and get your emails organised and in line with this new app from Google.

★★★★★



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"Google wants its new *Inbox* app to be as simple and intuitive to use as possible... you'll be powering through your messages like never before"



» GOOGLE INBOX > Finding your way around

1 SWIPE TO CLEAR

Swipe a message to the right to mark it as Done (essentially the same thing as archiving it in Gmail). Make use of the Sweep buttons (the ticks on the grey headings) to mark a whole section as Done.

4 CHECK YOUR BUNDLES

Inbox's bundles work like Gmail's tabs. Tap a bundle (e.g. Updates or Social) to see the messages within, then use the cog icon to set how often these bundles appear and whether they trigger a notification.

2 SWIPE TO SNOOZE

Swipe an individual message to the left to Snooze it, then pick when you want the message to appear back in your inbox. This is a feature exclusive to the *Google Inbox* app (it doesn't affect Gmail).

5 CREATE REMINDERS

Tap the large red '+' icon to compose a new email or to set a new reminder. Reminders are automatically pinned and will show up at the top of your inbox. In the same way as emails, they can be snoozed.

3 TAP AND HOLD

Tap and hold to pin just one or several different emails. This is a similar function to starring messages so they don't get lost – to view pinned emails, tap the slider button at the top of the interface.

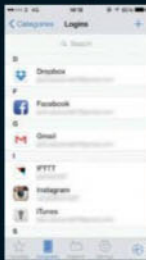
6 FIND YOUR LABELS

Your Gmail labels haven't disappeared completely – you can find them together with snoozed messages, bundles and reminders from the main menu that slides in from the left (tap the menu button to see it).

THE TOP 200 GREATEST APPS EVER



WHY WE LOVE... 1PASSWORD



This top app provides a skeleton key for your favourite websites and online accounts, storing all your passwords, and you can login with just a single tap. Incredibly secure, *1Password* will also keep your credit card details safe, locked behind a master password. Since the

iOS 8 update, iPhone and iPad users can log in using the biometric Touch ID.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **Freemium** | **v5.0**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0** | **Freemium** | **v4.1.1**



WHY WE LOVE... HEARTHSTONE



Pick up your cards and throw down the gauntlet! In *Hearthstone*, you play the hero in a fast-paced, whimsical card

game of cunning strategy. In minutes, you'll be unleashing powerful cards to sling spells, summon minions and seize control of an ever-shifting battlefield. Whether it's your first card game or you're an experienced pro, the depth and charm will draw you in. Available on iPad last April, it is now on Android too.

● **iPad+** | **iOS 7.1** | **Freemium** | **v2.080**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0** | **Freemium** | **Varies**

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● **iOS 8.0** | **Free**
● **OS varies** | **Free**

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iPhone/iPad HAUNTING MELISSA

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Give your home videos some truly epic Hollywood effects with this brilliant free app for your iOS device.
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
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
● iOS 5.0 | Freemium
● OS 4.0 | Freemium

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
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**iPhone/ iPad/ Android
MONUMENT VALLEY**

 Guide your character through a mind-bending world of impossible architecture.


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 Your ultimate calorie guide with a massive database as well as exercises and social links.


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● OS varies | Free

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 Military-grade workout app that requires no fitness equipment bar your device.


● iOS 5.0 | £1.99/\$2.99
● OS varies | £1.99/\$2.99

**iPhone
7 MINUTE WORKOUT CHALLENGE**

 A fast-paced workout with 12 exercises, instructional videos and health and weight tracker.


● iOS 6.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

**iPhone/ Android
MOVES**

 Moves automatically tracks your everyday exercise to motivate you to do more and set goals.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 4.0 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android
RUNTASTIC PUSH-UPS PRO**

 Plan your workout in this stylish app and receive motivation from the voice coach.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99
● OS 2.2 | £1.49/\$1.99

**iPhone/ Android
HEALTHTAP**

 Post your concern and a qualified doctor will respond with a diagnosis fairly swiftly.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS varies | Free


LIFESTYLE

**iPhone/ iPad
SNAPGUIDE**

 This community-driven guidebook is a wonderful resource. Browse its many topics and get all sorts of handy tips.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad
DAY ONE JOURNAL**

 Record your life with this magazine-like app for your memories, ideas and photos. Share online or keep private.


● iOS 8.0 | £2.99/\$4.99

**iPhone
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 Minimalist, gesture-driven alarm clock and stopwatch that will launch your favourite apps for when you wake up.

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**iPhone/ iPad/ Android
FANCY**

 Searching and sharing items on Fancy is all about becoming a curator of cool.


● iOS 6.1 | Free
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**iPhone/ iPad/ Android
AROUNDME**

 This is a handy app to use in an unfamiliar place when you need to find local amenities.


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● OS 2.2 | Free

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 Create your own bespoke icons for your apps either by painting a design in-app or by uploading an image.


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● iOS 5.1 | Free

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
● iOS 4.3 | £1.99/\$2.99
● OS varies | £1.60/\$2.49

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android
VISION TEST**

 This app tests your vision through a series of exams, and includes an optician finder.

● iOS 6.0 | Free
● OS 2.2 | Free

**iPad
SKELETON SYSTEM PRO III**

 This dissection of the human skeleton goes into incredible detail with plenty of room for adding your own notes.


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
● iOS 7.0 | Freemium

**iPhone
SNORELAB**

 Worried about how much you snore? Find out how loud you sound with this app, then get tips on how to reduce it.


● iOS 6.0 | £2.49/\$3.99

**iPhone
uHEAR**

 As hearing loss usually happens over a period of time, uHear is a good app for monitoring your hearing.

● iOS 2.2.1 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android
PROGNOSIS: YOUR DIAGNOSIS**

 Uses case studies for better diagnosis in patients by doctors.


● iOS 5.0 | Free
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

**iPhone/ Android
BREATHING ZONE**

 Reduce stress and see your breathing patterns displayed in colourful graphics.


● iOS 5.1 | £2.49/\$3.99
● OS 2.2 | £2.49/\$3.99

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TIDAL

Enjoy high-definition music streaming with playlists created by music industry experts.

- iOS 7.0 | Free
- OS 4. | Free

INSTAPAPER

Save interesting web articles to read later, even offline.

- iOS 8.0 | Free
- OS varies | Free

INSTAGRAM

The social photo network now has more users than Twitter.

- iOS 6.0 | Free
- OS Varies | Free

QUORA

Crowdsource the answers to those everyday questions.

- iOS 7.0 | Free
- OS 3.0 | Free

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As well as a new iPhone version, the original sketch app has new features.

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iPad DJAY 2

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- iOS 7.0 | £6.99/\$9.99

iPad THE ORCHESTRA

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- OS varies | Free

iPhone/iPad/Android SOUNDHOUND

Hum a tune or sing a lyric and SoundHound will give you the full name of the song and artist.

- iOS 6.1 | Freemium
- OS varies | Freemium

iPhone/Android SOUNDWAVE

Discover new music with this running feed of what everyone is listening to.

- iOS 7.0 | Free
- OS 2.2 | Free

iPhone/Android SHAZAM

An extraordinary app, Shazam can identify songs by listening to them for a few seconds.

- iOS 6.0 | Freemium
- OS varies | Freemium

iPhone/iPad/Android TIDAL

Enjoy high definition music streaming and playlists chosen by music industry experts.

- iOS 7.0 | Free
- OS 4.1 | Free

iPad AWEDITORIUM

Quite literally a wall of sound for users to interact with, as each 'brick' hosts an artist, their music and cool photos.

- iOS 3.2 | Free

NAVIGATION

iPhone/iPad/Android GOOGLE MAPS

Back on iOS and still the undisputed king of the mapping world. This app is all you need.

- iOS 6.0 | Free
- OS varies | Free

iPhone/Android PLANE FINDER

View near real-time air traffic maps that let you track the paths of aircraft above you.

- iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99
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Join the world's biggest treasure hunt by becoming a Geocacher. It's great fun.

- iOS 6.1 | £6.99/\$9.99
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- iOS 6.1 | Free

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Get off the beaten track with this map app, ideal for planning hikes.

- iOS 5.1.1 | Freemium
- OS varies | Freemium

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iPhone/iPad/Android FLIPBOARD

It's not only one of the best news apps around; it's also great fun to use on your device.

- iOS 5.0 | Free
- OS 2.2 | Free

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- iOS 5.0 | Free
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- OS 2.2 | Free

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- OS 2.2 | Free

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Save feature articles and blog posts for later offline reading in this paper-like reader.

- iOS 8.0 | £2.49/\$3.99
- OS varies | £1.93/\$2.99

iPad SKY NEWS FOR IPAD

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- iOS 6.0 | Freemium

iPhone/Android YAHOO NEWS DIGEST

Get twice-daily summaries of the top news stories, complete with infographics.

- iOS 7.0 | Free
- OS 4.0 | Free

iPhone PEEKSTER

Scan articles in select newspapers to create a digital version on your iPhone, which you can save for later or share online.

- iOS 7.0 | Freemium

PHOTO & VIDEO

iPhone/iPad/Android YOUTUBE

Stream videos from the popular website, now with voice search and picture to picture.

- iOS 6.0 | Free
- OS 2.2 | Free

iPhone/iPad iMOVIE

Apple's official video-editing app makes it easy to fine-tune the videos you shoot on the go with simple gesture controls.

- iOS 8.0 | £2.99/\$4.99

iPad/Android ADOBE PHOTOSHOP TOUCH

Edit images on the go with a range of touch-control tools using this essential software.

- iOS 5.0 | £6.99/\$9.99
- OS 3.1 | £6.99/\$9.99

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With a wide range of cool filters and a great community you can create amazing photos.

- iOS 6.0 | Free
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- OS 1.6 | £1.79/\$2.99

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- iOS 5.1 | Free
- OS 4.0 | Free

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Create and combine your own filters and textures for truly individual Instagram photos.

- iOS 6.1 | £1.49/\$1.99

iPhone/iPad/Android FLICKR

Offering 1TB of online storage, this app is great for showcasing and sharing your best photos.

- iOS 7.0 | Free
- OS 2.3.3 | Free

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Capture 3D photos with this unique photo app. Share them online or embed them on your website.

- iOS 7.0 | Free

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EVERNOTE**

Create a note on your device and save it to the cloud, where it can be picked up and edited.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● OS varies | Freemium

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Access your images, documents or any other type of digital file you like, anywhere.

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● OS 2.2 | Freemium

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This spreadsheet was designed for your touchscreen, allowing you to calculate figures and create graphs with ease.

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● iOS 7.0 | Freemium

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● iOS 6.0 | Free
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Find essential information that is well-presented and easy to use in this clever app.

● iOS 6.0 | £1.99/\$2.99
● OS 2.1 | £1.86/\$2.99

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All the reference books you'll need, available offline.

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This exquisite app brings the night sky to your device, with all major planets and constellations displayed.

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● OS varies | Freemium

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● iOS 6.0 | Free
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Relive the past with daily updates of your tweets, photos and check-ins from years ago.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 4.0 | Free

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BBC SPORT**

Covering a wide range of sports, the app brings you news, videos and stats in one place.

● iOS 6.0 | Free
● OS 2.2 | Free

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● iOS 6.0 | Freemium
● OS 4.0 | Freemium

**iPhone/ Android
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● iOS 6.0 | Free
● OS 4.1 | Free

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GOLFSHOT: GOLF GPS**

View maps and track your position on golf courses across the world with this GPS app.

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**iPhone/ Android
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● OS 2.2 | Freemium

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● OS varies | Freemium

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● OS 2.2 | Free

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This is one of those definitive apps, giving you access to pretty much anywhere on the globe.

● iOS 4.3 | Free
● OS varies | Free

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● OS 2.3 | £2.39/\$3.32

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● OS 2.1 | Freemium

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● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 2.3 | Free

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● iOS 7.0 | £2.49/\$3.99

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A solid and professionally produced app, it offers very detailed info.

● iOS 6.0 | Free
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● OS 2.2 | Freemium

**iPad
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Forecasting with a difference as this app is truly social, allowing users to share their climate and what they're doing in it.

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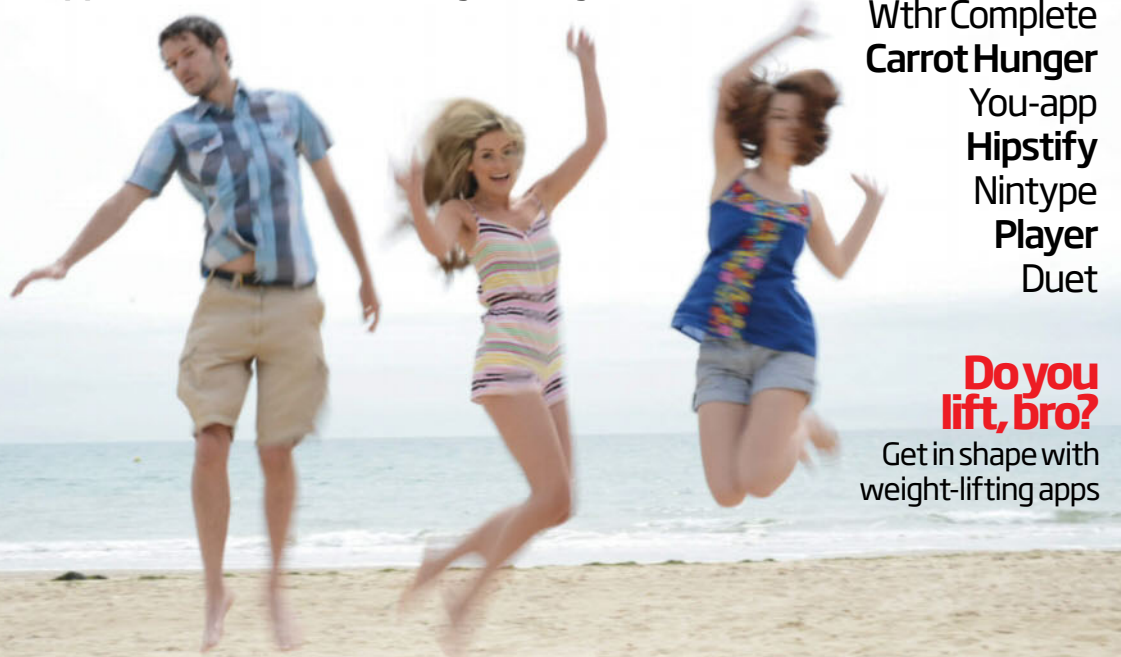
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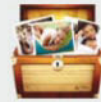
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